

EXERCISE: PASSAGE EXPLICATION

Prompt

Select a passage in Dewey's text *Art as Experience* that you think is difficult and explicate it.

Preparation & Advice

Think about the overall theme or topic, how the passage is framed (what leads into it, where does it lead), what your reader needs to understand that is not in the passage, and any details that help understand the language and expression in the passage. Consider why Dewey puts things the way he does (word choice, metaphors, etc.), what he is trying to say in the passage, and how the passage fits into the larger theme of the chapter in which it appears.

Details+

Follow these steps to produce your text:

1. Download the "Standard Manuscript Format" file from the website (see Documents page)
2. Delete the writing in the body of the document and replace the author information in the top left with your own
3. Transcribe the selected passage and place it at the top of your page
4. Write your commentary below the transcribed passage
5. Print the document out and bring it to class on Thursday (2/7)

Note that late exercises will not be accepted. I will collect these at the beginning of class.