

## **Woodle: "The Class Journal"**

### Types of Writing Expected:

We will be using an on-campus, electronic course management system (Woodle is Wooster's version of the open source software called Moodle) to provide a community journal for our class. This journal will allow a discussion of ideas presented in class, thoughtful reaction to Forum events, and discussion of assigned readings. The writing you do should be both original contributions as well as responses to what others have contributed about a topic. Again, you can question an idea or argument, you can *not* attack an individual or whatever group you think they represent. Because you want others to understand what you write and what it means, proper sentence structure and paragraph development should be followed. The first sentence and/or paragraph should make explicit reference to the context of your contribution; if you are responding to someone else's posting, then you need to identify that person and topic and remind the reader of the relevant content of that message. You can also add new questions for discussion. All of your contributions will be in the appropriate "Discussions" on the "Forums" in the program Woodle. NOTE: Since this is a public forum where you are identified, you should not post any personal experiences, problems, or events.

### **1) Continued Class Discussion**

Use the "Discussions" in Woodle to continue discussion from our class meetings. If the class discussion was about assigned readings or Forum events, then identify the topic appropriately in your Subject line. This is a good way to pose questions or discuss

a point that came to mind after the class or which you did not address during class. Be sure to give a context for your comments.

## **2) Forum Events**

You should provide a "thumbs up" or thumbs down" (with reasons) for each event you attend. Part of your entry will be a **summary** of the Forum event with quotes that were particularly meaningful as well as your **analysis/reaction** (a total of at least three full paragraphs). You are required to attend **two** Forum events and post responses to each within 24 hours of the event.

## **3) Assigned Readings**

All of the books can have your response/reflection posted to the "Discussions". It is important to post original contributions as well as responses. Some short articles handed out in class may also be discussed.

**Logging into Moodle:** <https://woodle.wooster.edu> click Login and use your username and password (same one used in ScotMail).