

Seminar Preparation

Thursday, September 1

I. Introduction

A. Administration

Introductions and housekeeping tasks.

To prepare: Nothing needed

B. Key terms

Discussion: Key terms: criticism, history, writing, scholarship. A brief description of the kinds of qualitative research; analytic and synthetic methods; the importance of argument; and other topics to set us up..

To Prepare: Please email me by Thursday AM, and bring your definitions of the following terms:

- Criticism
- Rhetorical Criticism
- History
- Writing
- Scholarship
- Qualitative Research

To do this week in preparation for September 8:

Scan the Table of Contents of the following three journal issues:

Western Journal of Communication 65.3 (2001): 229.

Rhetoric Review 25.4 (2006): 357-358.

Western Journal of Communication 74.1 (2010): 1-3.

These are special issues on the state of rhetorical criticism. You will all read the introductions to these. In addition I want you to report on one other essay from the three collections. From the contents, come to seminar tonight with a list of your three favorite essays. We will see that no one is reporting on the same one.