*Watchmen* Essay Directions

During your reading of *Watchmen*, consider the prompts posted in the Learning Module as possible subjects for your end-of-book essay. You will post your essay at the assignment link.

Please choose a prompt you feel somewhat comfortable with actually writing. This essay will be a minimum of 5 pages, double-spaced, in proper MLA 8 format. This essay is to reflect your understanding, ideas, and interpretations of *Watchmen* — ABSOLUTELY NO RESEARCH should be involved in this assignment. Please be sure to view the *VeraCite* report after you have posted your essay. Any “matches” to online sources could seriously affect your grade.

This is not a book report or book review. Be sure that you offer a clear claim (thesis), and then defend your thesis with examples, evidence, and explanation. I am expecting polished prose. Your writing should be clear and concise with few errors.

# A Note on Plagiarism

A friend of mine had to fire someone recently because the person had used sources without citing them. This reminded me of how important it is for students to understand what plagiarism is. It can get you into serious trouble, in school and after school. **Purdue's OWL is a great resource that clearly defines the issue (**[**http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\_plagiar.html)**](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html)) .

# Assessment

This assessment is a guide as you write and revise your paper. Following is a general explanation of the categories and how they will be used. Be sure to review these terms in the Glossary:

* Interpretation — What is the overall success of your claim (thesis) and conclusions?
* Development — Have you provided enough examples and explanation to make your case?
* Organization — Have you clearly and effectively ordered your ideas?
* Mechanics **—** Is your paper free of obvious mistakes that get in the way of reading?

# Grading

I will determine your grade based upon how well you have demonstrated competency in the categories for assessment, as well as the clarity, style, and precision of your prose.