

Perusall Assignment Directions

We'll be using an app called Perusall to foster better understanding and engagement with the reading materials for this course. When you click on one of these assignments, it will open directly in Perusall. This allows you to begin working on the assignment immediately (and ensures that your work is recorded here in Canvas). Unfortunately, this bypasses the assignment directions. While you can dig around Perusall to find them, I've also provided them here. (And don't worry, the directions are the same for every assignment.)

Please make at least seven substantive, meaningful comments to earn full credit for this assignment. These can either be in the form of a comment or question on the reading, or a comment or question on one of your colleague's posts. If the assignment includes more than one document, be sure you make comments on each of them. *You only need to make seven posts per Perusall assignment (even if there is more than one document assigned).*

- You can see how your work is scored here: [Perusall Scoring Rubric.pdf](#)
- You can see an example of what comments in Perusall look like here: [Perusall Comments and Scoring Example.pdf](#)

Below is a basic overview of how these assignments work, but please visit the following links if you are struggling with Perusall's interface:

- "[Getting Started](#)" (you can skip down to the "Starting an assignment" section)
- "[Introduction to Perusall](#)" – an eight-minute video overview
- "[Adding Annotations, Part I](#)" provides a quick overview of highlighting and commenting on documents (skip down to the "Annotating in Brief" section)
- "[Adding Annotations, Part II](#)" provides a deeper dive into working in Perusall.
- If you still have questions, please post them to the "**Have a Question? Ask it here!**" discussion forum in [Canvas](#).

Basic Overview:

To access the reading assignment, click on the link for that assignment.

When you open a document, you'll see highlights superimposed on the document that represent comments that you and other students have entered.

Yellow highlights indicate comments or questions by you or other students; blue highlights indicate comments from your instructor.

To start a conversation, highlight some text; once you finish highlighting, you will see a panel open on the right where you can type your comment. Press Enter or Return to submit the comment; your classmates will see it appear in real time. (If you are having trouble highlighting text, see this page.)

When someone responds to your question or comment, you will receive a notification by email and you can post a reply by either signing on or merely replying to the email. To add to a conversation started by one of your classmates, simply click on the highlight in the text to open up the conversation panel, type your comment, and then press Enter.

You can also highlight part of a figure rather than text by using the toolbar buttons at the top. When you have elected to highlight a figure, click and drag to draw a box around the area of interest, or simply click to drop a map pin.

While reading the document, change which comments you see by clicking the filter dropdown at the top of the page (which says All comments by default).

Note: if you are having trouble highlighting specific sections of text or wish to highlight an image, please select the "Annotate Figure" option (outlined in red below) and then highlight the area of the page you wish to comment on.

