

Assigned: Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Due: Friday, October 13, 2006

Submission: Pogo's inbox only

Filename: kin####.doc

Format: Word document, 10 point times roman font, double spaced.

Requirements: Write a one page personal response to the short story *Kin*. This assignment is less "persuasive" than previous assignments; your goal is instead to inform your readers about how the story affected you.

This story was more character-driven and less technology dependent than most of the stories we've read. Your essay should describe the emotional and intellectual response that *you* had as you read this story. Your personal response might include issues related to family, life and death, friendship, loyalty, and self-sacrifice. Which of your values were challenged or affirmed? What memories or hopes did it invoke in you?

If this story had no emotional or intellectual impact whatsoever on you, then you should instead write about a specific response that you believe the author (Bruce McAllister) was aiming for.

Triteness will not be rewarded.