English 84R Your name_____
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**General Instructions for the Reading Lab**
**Keep this sheet and all of your lab work in a manila file folder.** Put your name, date, and activity title on all work that you do. Make additional copies of answer sheets as needed. It is your responsibility to keep your work and assignment sheet in a folder and turn it in at the beginning of class on the due date. I will not accept folders without this assignment sheet. Plan on spending an average of two hours per week on your lab assignment. **Each lab assignment is worth a total of 30 possible points.**

# Reading Lab Assignment #4
# DUE ON TUE., NOV. 24

**1. "Speed Reader" Program**
**These exercises can be accessed on the computers only in the Reading Lab or the SMC Library.**

1. Go to the Reading Lab Software folder. Click on USR (marked by a bright red capital 'U').
2. **C**lick on "New Student" the first time you use the program and take the assessment test. Type in your first and last names and make a note of the USR file name assigned to you.
3. After reading the selection, take the Reading Comprehension Test and write the answers on your answer sheet, as well as entering them in the computer.
4. When you are finished, you will be given your rate and comprehension. Write this information on your answer sheet next to your comprehension answers and score.
5. After your first session, click on "Continuing Student" for your remaining sessions. Find your USR file name in the list.
6. First, click on "Reading Warm-ups" and work for a few minutes.
7. **You must complete a session for each of the following four categories: Eye Movement, Newspaper Reading, Paced Reading, and Timed Reading.** Click on your selected category, for example "Paced Reading."
8. Write the title and category and read the story. Then answer the questions by writing the letter of the answer as well as entering them on the screen.
9. Write down your speed (WPM) and comprehension score that appears on the screen.

**Four categories completed:** **Instructor's initials:**

**2. 10 Steps Critical Reading Assignment**
**This assignment must be typed.** Refer to the "Critical Reading Basic Steps" handout in Course Packet and 10 Steps, Chap. 2-6 for advice in completing this assignment. Your name should be at the top of every page. Read and follow each of the following four steps:

1. Read "Coping with Nervousness" in Ten Steps to Improving Reading Skills, p. 494-497.
   a. Draw brackets and label the introduction, body and conclusion of the article.
   b. Write thoughtful comments and put check marks in the margins and underline phrases, sentences and passages to mark those that are important to remember.

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c. Mark the important transitions that connect ideas within paragraphs and between paragraphs. Also, mark the two related aspects of "nervousness" the article focuses on.
d. Mark and label the main idea (thesis) of the article.
e. **Submit a copy of the article with the above items clearly marked in your lab folder.**

2. Answer questions 1 through 17, p. 497-500. Type the question number and letter answer for each one.

3. Complete the outline on p. 501-502, using the "Items Missing" on p. 502 to fill in the blank lines. Type the entire outline, including your answers.

4. Answer Discussion Question #1 or #4, p. 502-503. Write a full paragraph four or more sentences long with a strong topic sentence and supporting details. Be as specific as possible. Revise and type a double-spaced final draft.

**Marked and notated copy of article included and typed responses to activities completed:** **Instructor's initials:**

**3. A Lesson Before Dying (LBD) journal entries**
In a large blue book, complete one double-entry journal response for each assigned reading. Refer to the Double-Entry Journal handout for instructions. Your blue book must be inside your lab folder when you turn it in on the due date.

**Two LBD journal entries completed:** **Instructor's initials:**

**Academic Honesty**
Please sign and date below to confirm that the work submitted by you is yours alone and has been done to the best of your ability. To receive credit, your signature is required below:

Signature _____ Date _____