You have two choices for this paper, which should be between 800 and 1,200 words long.

- You may choose to critique Quinn’s book *Ishmael*. You may choose to critique a particular idea of his, or you may critique the style in which the book is written. (Be wary, though, of trying to do too much with your essay, though: 1,000 words isn’t much.) Note that the word *critique* does not require you to be critical of Quinn: You may evaluate his work from a supportive viewpoint.

- Write a reflective essay based on an event you’ve experienced in your first year at CSB/SJU, preferably unrelated to your classwork. Read pages 131–133 in Axelrod and Cooper to understand what a reflective essay would be.

I encourage you, but do not require you, to discuss your ideas for the essay with me beforehand. Of course, such a discussion will make it much more likely that your essay will be appropriate for the assignment.

**Due dates**

Sun 25 Apr  Complete a finished draft and submit it to me, as an e-mail attachment or in paper form, by 5pm. I will meet with you individually to discuss this draft during the week of April 26.

Wed 5 May  The completed copy is due by 5:00pm. You may e-mail it or submit a paper copy.