

Admission Ticket

This technique requires that a student accomplish a writing task that cannot be completed without having read the assignment. In order to receive participation credit, the student must submit the writing. The admission ticket works best if it is required for every class and students get in the habit of writing one. An efficient way to use this technique is to assign students a question that requires them to carefully read the assigned reading. Students write their answer to the question on one side of a 3 x 5 card and hand it in at the start of class. Alternatively, this assignment can be turned in online prior to the start of class.

Sample

The Autobiography of Malcolm X

How does Malcolm X explain why he has “had enough of someone else’s propaganda” (p. 373)? How does this description contribute to the power of the text?

Possible Response: *Malcolm X states, “I’m for truth, no matter who tells it. I’m for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I’m a human being first and foremost, and as such I’m for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole” (p. 373). Malcolm X uses repetition to emphasize how he is “for” anyone who is being truthful or just, without prejudging who is saying the words. This repetition contributes to the power of the text by showing Malcolm X’s commitment to these ideals of justice, truth, and benefit to humanity.*

Admission Ticket Template

Text: _____

Question: _____

Response: _____
