

21W.022.03 Homework Assignment for Thurs. 2/27: Edelman and Marin

This week we are examining how writers use self narrative to explore the question of the relationship/responsibility of the individual to the community, especially the poor and homeless. Read the Edelman and Marin essays. We are reading both “straight autobiography” (Edelman) as well as a hybrid form (Marin) that combines self-narrative and social commentary.

Choose THREE quotations from each piece (SIX in all) that illustrate the author’s perspective on questions of social responsibility. Briefly (a sentence for each quote) describe why you have chosen these quotes. How do Edelman and Marin compare in their perspectives and the way they use autobiographical material? (About a page and a half for entire homework exercise.)

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