

## **C&T Journal 1**

**Due Monday, Feb 26, 2007**

Write 2-3 pages in reflection of one of the texts that we have read since *Frankenstein*. Papers are due on Feb. 26 at 9:00 a.m. and must be turned in via the Digital Dropbox on Blackboard (one point penalty for not using the Digital Dropbox). Papers turned in after 9:00 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late penalty of one point per hour. Please include your name in the text of the file, so that the journal has your name on it when I print it out. You have *lots* of time to write this journal, so no one should have trouble turning the journal in on time.

Possible options for texts to reflect upon and write about are:

- Ben-Ari, *Just a Theory*
- Hardy, *A Mathematician's Apology*
- Watson, *The Double Helix* (perhaps including "Nova: The Secret of Photo 51")
- Grinspoon, *Lonely Planets*
- Selected readings from Feynman and Einstein
- Abraham through Moses in Genesis and Exodus (Readings books P-R)

A reading journal complements and completes the act of reading by allowing you to record impressions, pose questions, and explore issues raised by the text. A journal is reflective writing rather than writing to present a thesis and convince the reader. Do not summarize the text. Rather, pose a question, tease out an issue, respond to the author— be creative in your response!

Journal papers will be graded following the format posted in the syllabus and will focus on:

- Diction and syntax, using appropriate language
- Correctness in grammar and punctuation
- Depth and richness of thought, insightful analysis of the text, appropriate consideration of the implications of the text, or other meaningful thoughts (Do **NOT** simply summarize the text!)