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**Details**:

* Due: by beginning of class, Tuesday Feb 25, 11:15am
* 1000 words max / end with wordcount
* Turn in MS Word document

**Grading Rubric (max 28 pts)**:

(Each item is worth max 2 pts.  Missing or inferior = 0 pt; Average = 1 pt; Very good to excellent = 2 pts)

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*Style/Tone*

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