Login Page

Just enter your UT EID and UT EID password and press "Log in."

Don't have a UT EID? Please email CRIT@utexas.edu.

Find a CRIT Text Page

Once you've signed in, you will be able to browse and search for CRIT texts.

Several representative CRIT texts are automatically displayed below.

You can find other CRIT texts by using any of three filters: "Author or Title of Text," "Faculty," or "Genre." If you know what text you're looking for, then just type in the name of the author (for example, "Shakespeare") or the title of the text (for example, "Song of Myself"), and click the "Find A CRIT" button. Your results will appear below.

If you want to see which CRIT texts your instructor has uploaded to the site, then select her or his name on the "Faculty" pull-down menu and click "Find A CRIT."

You can also find CRIT texts by genre—Poetry, Prose, Drama, or Oratory. Again, just select a genre from the pull-down menu and click "Find A CRIT."

Note: You can use more than one filter at the same time.

Once you have found your CRIT text, click on the title in the results box. Your CRIT exercise will open in a new tab.

CRIT Page

Now you are ready to begin your CRIT exercise. You will see the author, title, and date of the text at the top of the page. Below that is the passage that you will be close reading. If your instructor has included any additional information about the text or its author, it will appear between the passage and the six CRIT tabs. **Note:** Any such information will likely prove helpful as you complete "Step 3 – Contextualize."

Because CRIT promotes a systematic approach to literary interpretation, we encourage you to begin with "Step 1 – Paraphrase" and work your way through the six steps sequentially. However, CRIT has also been designed to allow you to move fluidly between steps. By clicking on the tabs, you can go back and forth between steps. Rest assured, your work is being saved.

Each step comes with specific directions. Please be sure to read them carefully.

When you feel that you have completed the exercise (or when your time has run out), click the "Review and Submit" button.

Review and Submission Page

You're almost done. As the header indicates, your submission has been saved and you can now review your work before sending it to your instructor or peer. Look carefully over your responses to each of the steps. If you see an error or decide that you want to say something else about the passage, then clicking the "Edit your submission" button will take you back into the exercise. (Once you're done editing, just be sure to click "Save Changes.")

When you are satisfied with your submission (or when your time is up), there are two ways to export your work. Clicking the "Save a PDF or Print" button will open up a new tab with a downloadable and printable version of your completed exercise.

Clicking "Send your submission via email" will open a different tab, where you will enter your email address and name, as well as the email address of the instructor or peer to whom you are submitting your work. Be sure to include a subject line (for example, "Vince Young's CRIT exercise on *Hamlet*"), and, if you wish, a message to the recipient. Once you click "Send your submission via email" both you and your recipient(s) will receive an electronic version of your exercise. You have successfully completed a CRIT exercise—now do another one!

Other things to know about CRIT

- Because the site uses tabbed browsing, be sure that your web browser (e.g., Safari, Chrome, Firefox) allows pop-ups.
- Again, be very careful not to close your browser inadvertently. You will lose all of your CRIT work!
- We also recommend that you do <u>not</u> use back- or forward-arrow navigation.
- The "My Account" button in the upper-right-hand corner allows you to see which CRIT exercises you have completed to date.
- The "Log Out" button in the upper right-hand corner will sign you out—without saving your work!—and return you to the CRIT home page.
- These instructions are available throughout the CRIT site. Just look for the "Need help with CRIT?" link in the bottom right-hand corner of every page.