

ENGLT 345

Response Paper: Native American Storytelling

Due: December 1, 2011

Your response should be no more less than TWO typed, double-spaced pages. Be sure to refer to specific details from the story/stories you are responding to in supporting your analysis. Choose ONE of the following prompts.

- 1) As we have discussed, storytelling can serve a number of different purposes. Choose at least ONE story from your book of Native American stories and discuss what you think the purpose of the story is. Is it being told simply to entertain? To instruct? To provide a cautionary tale? To explain a phenomenon? Does it seem to have more than one purpose? Explain your answer, discussing how you arrived at your determination as to what the purpose of the story is.
- 2) Choose a story from the book that contains a significant archetype (or more than archetype) and discuss the significance of the archetype(s). What meaning do they seem to convey? Be as specific as possible in supporting your answer.
- 3) Choose a story from the book that you particularly enjoyed, briefly summarize it and explain why you chose it. Do you make a particular connection with the story? Did you find something particularly interesting, puzzling, or entertaining about it? Did it remind you of another story you've read or one you've been told before? Be as specific as possible in explaining your answer.