Reading Response #4:

“Crickets, Cats, Bats, and Chaos” by Lewis Thomas (511-517) and the “Problem-making” chapter in Adios (95-100).

Write a one-page, typed and double-spaced summary and quote-sandwich response to the assigned essay, “Crickets, Cats, Bats and Chaos.”

Summary: Organize the summary as per the checklist below, addressing content, organization and style:

- In the opening sentence of the summary, identify the author, title and Thomas’ main point/thesis statement.
- Include in your summary a description of the kind of evidence Thomas uses to to support his thesis — personal or outside evidence.
- Identify and describe the different parts to Thomas’ essay; then connect his organization to the main point of the essay.
- Characterize Thomas’ tone or attitude towards his subject matter, and then give an example, a quoted line from his essay that supports that tone.

Quote Sandwich Response: After reading the “Problem-making” chapter in Adios, describe the strategy, giving parenthetical citations where you quote or paraphrase the chapter in Adios; then make a claim that Thomas employs this strategy in his essay. For your Quote Sandwich, select a line from the essay illustrating or backing-up the claim that he employs the “Problem-making” strategy.

Prepare a lead-in that gives implicit instructions of how to read the upcoming quote you selected, and that steers the reader towards understanding which part of the strategy the quote illustrates. For the follow-up, a backing-up response will explain exactly how the quote is an example of “Problem-making.” Don’t forget to provide a parenthetical citation for the quoted line.

Vocabulary: After the quote sandwich, list and define a minimum of five unfamiliar and/or interesting words or terms from the essay at the end of your response. Provide the page number in parentheses where each word appears. Your completed RR will be about 250-500 words in length and is worth up to two points.

Due Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013 @ the beginning of class.