CAREFUL READING

You should write carefully, and you should read carefully. Reading carefully means that you should know the meanings of the words you have read, and you should read with a dictionary nearby. You should also know the sources of quotations (with or without quotation marks) and allusions in the text you are reading, and how they function in the flow of the narrative. You should also apply the tools you have been taught about in literature classes.

Here are some examples from current readings. Please provide written answers on Wednesday. I want the original source (not "a" source) for each of these. One way to obtain some of this information is suggested at the bottom of the page. Hand in a paper with your name and the answers on Wednesday, you may be "terse" and just provide the information.

1. Have you studied the structure of the five act play? (yes or no)

2. Gould p. 15 "vox clamantis in deserto" – what does it mean in English? What are the two "original" sources?

3. Gould p. 24 "last filament of a trilobite's gill". Go to

http://www.aloha.net/~smgon/trilovent.htm

Now do you know what a trilobite's gill looks like? Describe it briefly. Also look at 104-105 in Gould.

4. Gould p. 27 who was Polonius's murderer? Why doesn't Gould name him?

5. Gould p. 36 what does "parochial" mean as used here? It's not the dictionary definition, you have to think to answer this. Also "simulacrum" p. 44, "piscine" p. 48, "adamantine" p. 52.

6. Comment briefly on Gould's position on the following: Contingency (replaying the tape), Diversity/Disparity (is there a cone), Man's place (central/peripheral), Evolution as progress (forward or random), and Intelligence (inevitable, or lucky?).

GOOGLE

Go to http://www.google.com on your computer. Type in Chicxulub, and look over the results. What is it? Now, type in Chixculub and look at the results. How are they different? You must spell words correctly to find results in Google, unless others use the same incorrect spelling. You can greatly increase the power of Google by using quotation marks. For example type in the words (not to be) without quotation marks or other punctuation. You get a jumble of results. Now type them in with quotes, "not to be". You mainly get references to Hamlet's soliloquy, because the sequence is preserved.