

COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS  
En 110, College Expository Writing  
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## Summary Paper Assignment

**First draft and workshop:** October 4, 2006

**Final paper due:** October 11, 2006

*Standard instructions: The first draft paper must be word processed using a standard 11 or 12 point font, have one inch margins, be double spaced, and be stapled together. The length of the paper is your decision; about three pages will probably be typical. When the first draft is due, bring enough copies for each member of your workshop group (and include one to hand in to Sue). The final paper should be submitted to Sue (sshort@cva.edu) by email attachment, in either MS Word or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If you are unable to do an electronic submission of the final paper, hard copies will be accepted in class on the due date. (If you do an electronic submission, email copies will be accepted until midnight on the due date.)*

The first major paper assignment will be a summary paper. You will summarize the article set forth in the Behrens text (pages 56 through 60) by Stanley Solomon, titled "Landscape in the Classic Hollywood Western." Use the techniques you have learned so far in class to gain a good understanding of the article's content. Be sure to structure your summary so that you highlight the author's thesis statement and cover the essential points.

You may use quotations where you think they are necessary to convey the content of the original article, but rely primarily on summarizing the content of the article in your own words. Be sure to properly cite the original material with which you are working.

In writing and revising the summary, pay special attention to these issues:

**Thesis statement:** Have you captured the author's original thesis statement clearly and structured your paper around that central idea?

**Organization:** Have you developed a clear pattern of organization for the necessary points?

**Content:** Have you included a discussion of all the issues necessary to convey a full understanding of the article's content?

**Formal qualities:** Have you proofread and edited your paper carefully so that your paper is grammatically correct and presented in a professional manner?