

English 112: Dr. Erika Paterson

English 112 – 12N /14N : In Class Summary Assignment

Text: Academic Reading: Chapter 10

Summary Assignment 20% : With this summary I would like you to focus on summarising what Amit–Talai indicates is a ‘knowledge deficit’ when it comes to established understandings of ‘friendship’ among adolescents. In conclusion compose what you consider to be a knowledge deficit according to your reading of Amit–Talai’s article.

Your summary should be between 500 – 600 words, no longer please.

Objectives: Write a summary which demonstrates:

- 1) your skills with using citation and reporting expressions in order to attribute, characterize, and position the sources you summarize.
- 2) your skills with positioning yourself in relation to the sources you are citing.
- 3) your ability to select and cite details and examples to ‘unpack’ abstractions.
- 4) your ability to compose a knowledge deficit.

Evaluation: My criteria for evaluation are:

- 1) completeness -- all of the above objectives need to be fulfilled to receive full points.
- 2) analysis -- your summary should demonstrate that you have approached your writing with a specific question in mind (remember, writing is a critical thinking tool).
- 3) writing skills -- I hope to read summaries that are carefully written, grammatically correct and with thoughtful attention for the skills and techniques we are learning in class.