

*To teachers: this assignment can be used as a means of collecting a writing sample from students at the beginning of the semester or else as a focused writing exercise in preparation for a longer writing activity.*

### **Comment Assignment**

The goal of this assignment is to engage meaningfully with the writers of pieces on a public forum. Responding publicly to pieces of writing will help you to put yourself in the shoes of a reader—a useful exercise before writing your own work, since ultimately your writing should always have a reader in mind. By identifying as a reader, you will be more motivated as a writer to craft your own words in a way that a reader will appreciate.

In this case, the writers are fellow students and the forum is the SPACE magazine on the SPACE website—an interdisciplinary magazine with both academic and creative work from students across the disciplines.

The form of your engagement will be two comments in response to one of the pieces in the magazine. To leave a comment, please:

- Go to the SPACE homepage: [www.space.dawsoncollege.qc.ca](http://www.space.dawsoncollege.qc.ca)
- Click “Login”
- Click “Register”
- Create your SPACE username and password
- Go to your email to confirm your registration
- Return to the SPACE homepage and read two pieces that are of interest to you.
- Below each piece, leave a comment of 125-175 words. In your comment, highlight a specific section of each piece that you found interesting and why.
- Copy-paste your two comments into a Word document that you will then hand in. Please mention the titles of the pieces that you commented on.

That’s it for the assignment! But if you work on a piece of writing this semester that you would like to share with students beyond our classroom, you can always submit your work to SPACE through their submissions portal online. FYI most SPACE articles also get an original illustration, created by a Dawson Illustration student, as you can see in the pieces on the website.