**ESSAYS**

How to choose a topic?

Two main possibilities: 1) analytical (argumentative) type of an essay

 2) more „free-style“ essay – a reflection on a specific topic

Ad 1) possible genres: a critique ─ a piece of criticism of an article/ position discussed in the course

 a comparison of two articles/ positions etc.

Ad 2) A reflection on a particular topic/ question/ conception/ definitional approach discussed

More general questions, such as:

* Does it make sense to define art?
* Definition and a particular genre of art (definition of theatre?)
* Application/ reflection on the definition and concrete artworks
* Definition seen from a specific point of view: feminism

General points:

* The topic should not be too „big“ – the essay has a specified scope, I do not expect you to write your own theory ☺
* Despite the style/ genre of your essay, it should have an introduction (what is your aim/ the topic) the middle and the conclusion
* Use what you have learnt: for example for criticism of Weitz you can use Mandelbaum/ Danto/ Dickie for ex: „I agree with M on this matter, but I differ from his opinion on XY. “
* Do not be shy to express your opinion- I am interested in it ☺
* Do not be afraid to make a mistake!
* However, if you are in difficulties, send me an e-mail!