<u>Instructions for posting to the *Fictions of the Known World* course blog:</u>

Your blog posts should be between 500 and 750 words long and designed in such a way that they will be useful to elicit class discussion. To this end, they should be focused on one specific topic (the differences between the various palaces of the *Odyssey* in my first sample post, the relationship between Odysseus and the royal family of Phaiakia in my second), but not overly narrow. Don't compose 500 words that all lead up to one question. Try to explore a theme that might lend itself to many different questions or angles.

I strongly suggest you write your post using standard word processing software and then cut and paste it to our blog. In order to do this, you need to do the following:

(1) Log in at blogs.nd.edu/knownworld/wp-login.php. There is a hyperlink in the right-hand column of our blog, directly under the "Useful Resources" heading.

(2) Your Username is your Notre Dame NetID. Your password is your standard ND password.

(3) Once you log in, you should see something called the "Dashboard." In the menu on the left, locate the "Posts" option, identified by a little pin icon. (If you see only the icon but not the word "Posts," you may need to maximize your window).

(4) Click on "Posts," and then on "Add New." This will call up a text box into which you can cut and paste your blog entry. Don't forget to give it a title!

(5) **Important:** Once you are satisfied with the way your post looks, you will need to do two more things to prepare it for publication.

First, you will need to add a "jump" after the first or second paragraph of your entry. The jump is the little hyperlink marked "Continue Reading" that opens up your full blog post on a new screen. To insert it, position your cursor in the place where you want the jump and then press the appropriate button in the menu bar on the top of the text box. The button that you want is the fourth from the right in the top row; it looks like two pages separated from one another by a dashed line.

Second, you should make sure your blog post is appropriately categorized. To do this, go to the "Categories" menu on the right-hand side of your screen and check both the "Student Generated" box and whichever one corresponds to the work on which you are blogging. Make sure all other options are unchecked.

(6) Once you have done all this, you are ready to post! Simply press the blue "Publish" button to the right of the screen. You can also use the "Preview" button to check what your post will look like.

All posts are due 24 hours before class begins, i.e. Mondays and Wednesdays by 3:30.