Non-gradable exercise #1.

1. Imagine yourself at a movie that you are thoroughly enjoying, being completely intent on that movie. Or imagine yourself reading something very enjoyable and not very challenging, something like a Stephen King or an Elmore Leonard, a detective story, or a science-fiction novel. Write a description of your state of mind, using at least 15 words.

2. Imagine yourself reading something that is challenging, complex poetry or dense prose, something like a contemporary poem, a novel by Henry James, or part of Finnegans Wake. Write a description of your state of mind, using at least 15 words.

3. Now imagine yourself at a science-fiction movie or a Hong Kong martial arts movie, something like Star Wars or Lord of the Rings or Matrix or Spider-Man. One of the characters is hurtling through space. How do you react? Write a description of your reaction using at least 15 words.

Complete the exercise before January 26. By that date, please email your paragraphs to me at nnh@english.ufl.edu.