

The Elegance of Abstraction
Spring 2015

Writing assignment 5

Set: Week 13

Due: Week 15 (the week after Crit Week)

Please print, staple and bring to class.

Choose one of the following two assignments. However if you need bonus credit you may do both.

1. Write approximately 500 words about abstract structures. You should refer to at least two of the abstract structures we've seen in class. Here are some things you could do:
 - Say what you like about them.
 - Relate them to your other work, or something else you've seen outside class.
 - Describe how these structures have caused you to think differently about something.
 - Give examples of other things you think have the same structure.
2. Write approximately 500 words about something with a universal property, contrasting it with something that does not have the same universal property. The contrasting features might include inherent characteristics, practical value, and abstract value as perceived in any way you wish to define it.