

UNST 133A
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Assignment #3
Due May 12, 2005

Read Ann Fadiman's *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. After completing the book, pick any three questions from the reader's guide located at <http://www.fsgbooks.com/readersguides/0374525641RG.pdf> and write one short essay for EACH question you choose. Each essay should be separately written and be two (double-spaced, typewritten) pages long. The final set of 3 essays should be at least 6 pages in length. (Please don't try to scam this assignment. Although the questions may refer to specific points raised on cited page numbers, you will not be able to answer them without reading the whole book).

While there is no need to go outside the book to answer the questions, most of you will be more comfortable in looking at professional reviews of this award-winning account of culture clash in medicine. A brief check of Google (keywords: Spirit Catches You) turns up somewhere in the vicinity of 400,000 hits. You shouldn't have difficulty finding reviews of the book, but be certain that the sources are credible.

FINALLY, after completing your three essays, write one additional essay that explains how you think the issues raised in SPIRIT connect to the recent battle over Terri Schiavo's medical fate. Although the connections may be complex, two pages will be adequate to demonstrate whether you've thought seriously about the connections.

The final assignment should be approximately 8 pages in length.