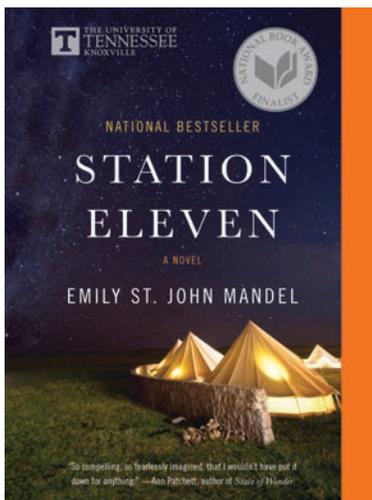


## Written or Creative Expression Assignment

In this year's selection, *Station Eleven* reflects on the importance and fulfillment of finding purpose and meaning in the work we do to achieve true happiness in our lives. This selection, opens the door for dialogue about many of the challenges you will face in college as you enter adulthood and plan your futures.

For your response, reflect on the Traveling Symphony's motto "survival is insufficient". This will require you to think critically about your response, which can be completed in one of the forms below.

This assignment has two options: Written Expression or Creative Expression



1. Based on what you read, **write** a two-page essay (12pt times roman font) that explores your thoughts about the Traveling Symphony's motto "survival is insufficient". What does it mean to them? How does the statement align with your own life and college perspective?

**OR**

2. Based on what you read, **create** an explanation in any format you choose (art, music, video etc.) that describes your interpretation and meaning of "survival is insufficient". Along with your creative piece of work you must have an analysis that describes what you created and it should be at least 150 words long (12pt times roman font). The creative response option is an open-ended response to the book.

When you have completed your assignment, you will upload it as a PDF document to the FYS 100 Canvas site, where it will be reviewed for a grade and for use during the Life of the Mind events this fall. If your creative response is not something that can be uploaded electronically, please take a picture of it or otherwise capture it in a PDF document to be uploaded, but please also plan to bring it with you to Welcome Week so we can enjoy the "real thing." If yours is a performance piece, you can capture it via YouTube and include the URL in your PDF document; just make sure your video doesn't have privacy restrictions that will prevent us from viewing it! If you're not sure of the best way to get your work on to Canvas, just contact First-Year Studies, and we'll help you figure it out.

This assignment is due to Canvas by October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00pm (noon) EST. The best written or creative expressions submitted will have their work displayed and will be honored at a special event with the author during her visit on November 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Don't just share your work with us! Use [#2017LOM](#) to share your piece with other UT students, faculty and staff, and to people all over the world, including the author Emily St. John Mandel! Use Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, or another social networking site to share your work with this hashtag, and your work could be selected for display on UT's campus and website!