

BIS 486: Reading Strategies (10/12/06)

What are Hejinian's primary interests/concerns?

- Open text – relationship btwn readers and writers – writing as generative rather than directive
- Experience of language – seeing the medium through which you experience
- Borders and reimagining – identity and world

Suggested strategies:

- Experience poetry as inquiry
- Be aware of multi-genre, relationship to genre, play with genre
- Pay attention to “flipping”, reverse linguistics/psychology
- Think about aboutness as transitory, acknowledging
- Look for patterns of coherence