**Independent Novel Study – Assignment 2** *(24 marks total)*

For your second novel study assignment, you will have a choice of a creative or an analytical assignment. Only choose one option.

**Creative Assignment Option: Point of View Fan Fiction Assignment**

For the creative assignment, we are going to get the chance to play with different points of view by writing a short piece of fan fiction\* for your book. You will take on the persona of a **non-point of view character** in your novel, and depict a scene from the book in their perspective.

**\*Fan fiction**is fiction written by a fan of something. It features the world and characters of various television shows, movies or books. Normally in a work of fan fiction you are able to explore whatever you would like. **The piece of fan fiction you are writing will have more limitations.**

**Requirements:**

* Minimum one page typed. There is no upper limit on this assignment, but be aware of your capabilities and time.
* Times New Roman in 12 pt font if typed. Do not double space.
* The piece must be written from within the timeline of the book. It can either be an event we see depicted through the eyes of a point of view character, or an event that is implied to happen but not shown in the narration.
* **Must be written from a non-point of view character’s point of view**. You **cannot** write from the protagonist/main character’s point of view.
* You must have a title on your piece. Format it like this: ***Book Title* – Character’s Name**

This will make it clear what book you are writing about and whose point of view you are taking on.

As you are preparing to write/writing your fan fiction, please consider the following:

* You must think about how the character you are writing about would think or act.
* How would they feel in your chosen scene?
* Why do they act that way?
* Essentially, you are expanding on what the author has already written and you are adding an additional perspective.

It will help to have a copy of the book with you as you write.

**Assessment**

* I will be grading you based on a rubric. The rubric will be looking at:
  + characterization of your chosen character and how well you stick to the events of the plot.
  + correct dialogue punctuation, and good grammar and spelling.

**Analytical Assignment: Literary Essay**

The analytical assignment is an expository essay digging into the novel that you read.

**Requirements:**

* Minimum one page typed. There is no upper limit on this assignment.
* Times New Roman in 12 pt font if typed. Do not double space.
* **Must have a thesis statement.** (See your essay notes sheet given to you earlier in the year for tips on how to generate a thesis statement.)
* Should follow a typical essay format: introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion.
* Support any claims with evidence (quotes) from the book. If you use any sources other than the book, you must create a bibliography and cite your sources using MLA formatting. See the link below for more information.
* Use quotes.
* Must have a title that is more creative than “Essay.” (See your essay notes sheet given to you earlier in the year for tips on how to title an essay.)
* Avoid using I, contractions, and slang. Follow essay conventions.
* **Only answer one of the below questions.**

**Questions:** (Choose one of the following options.)

*The following questions are very general. You are welcome to modify them to your needs or create your own essay topic. If you are creating your own topic, please check with Ms. Legault for topic approval.*

* How do the characters in the novel deal with the conflicts they face?
* Discuss one of the main characters. What role do they have in the story? Would the novel change without them? What kind of character are they?
* How is the book structured? Flashbacks? Multiple points of view? Why do you think the author chose to write the book this way?
* What types of symbolism do you find in this novel? What do these objects really represent? How do characters react to and with these symbolic objects?
* What themes recur throughout the book?
* If none of the above questions appeal to you, or are too broad: Propose your own question.

**MLA Format? What do you mean?**

MLA (Modern Language Association) style is used to write papers and cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities. You can find more information at the link below.

* <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html>

**Tips**

* Create an outline

Ask a friend to edit your essay for you. See Ms. L for a peer-editing form if needed.