

Mr. O'Malley

Academic and Honors English 7

Week of May 26

Video Lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9cD4KqrQ4A>

Directions: If you are able to, please watch the video lesson above. THERE IS NO GRADED ASSIGNMENT THIS WEEK! The video lesson is simply a review of last week's Greek Mythology lesson as well as a final message for the year in which we recall your first day in 7th grade English.

This week, please do the following:

1. Email/contact me if you are at all concerned or have any questions about your grade for the 4th nine weeks.
2. Check Gradebook to make sure you are not missing any assignments for the 4th nine weeks.
3. Use this time to complete any necessary make up work for not only my class but any of your other classes as well.
4. Get ready for some end of the year homeroom challenges and activities!

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Telecommunications (Intro and Advanced)

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Directions: I will NOT be having an additional assignment this week. I wanted to give you all one week for the potential to make up any missing work or communicate with me about any questions or concerns you may have. If you are wondering where your grade stands, and cannot check Gradebook, please contact me and we can discuss your grade. If you are completing film analysis, please remember these can be simple! One very well designed paragraph is plenty! If you are attempting a video project, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss some ideas on Teams if you are interested in a brainstorming session.

Primary Assignment:

One of our central skills that we currently practice in class is the process of video production. Unfortunately, we may not be able to practice some of these skills as we are away from our equipment which is a very vital component in this process; thus, I have come up with a different activity for you to complete in place of video production (though I do have a suggestion for this later).

As we are finding ourselves in a situation in which we are performing social distancing and isolation, we will all find comfort in film and television. We should certainly continue to be active physically and mentally but watching TV, movies, and shows are comforting and entertaining, and those are two very important things in our world right now. With that in mind, I am going to ask you to do some minor film analysis as you take in various types of media.

To begin, make sure you make this process simple and realistic. Though you all know I am an English teacher, I am not looking to assess your writing skills here; instead, I am interested in your thoughts on the piece of media you are examining. I am not expecting you to write an essay every week performing film analysis; instead, I am asking you to put together a well designed paragraph that positively or negatively (or a combination of the the two) critiques and analyzes a movie, television show, YouTube show/channel, commercial, etc. You can email me this analysis paragraph by Friday at the end of the school week. Your film analysis may include items such as plot and story design, acting, directing, production, character development, overall presentation, camera angles, special effects, audio effects, and any other areas of film that you would like to discuss in your analysis. If you are struggling with this, simply email me and I can provide you with an example paragraph of what I am looking for.

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Alternate Assignment:

The truth of the matter is, and to counter what I stated earlier, many of you do have all of the technology and skills you need to perform video production while you are away from the building. Many of your phones possess certainly the video capabilities needed to create videos but also programs that can be downloaded that will allow you to edit and create a video piece. Some of you also may have access to home computers that will allow you to also create higher quality video pieces. With this in mind, if you can and would like to, you may create a video project to share. This video project would include many of the criteria of our typical projects which would include video/audio quality, effort, complexity, and most importantly, its ability to entertain the audience in some way. Please know that if you want to make a video project, I intend to assess you incredibly leniently. I am encouraging you to consider this project because I think it would be wonderful for you to share some videos in this time when many students and families find themselves apart from families and friends. If you like, we could post your videos on our RVTV page as we typically would and we could bring some entertainment to our community. You can design a video every two weeks, just as we normally would in class. Find a way to publish your work and sent it to me in an email. Remember, necessity is the mother of invention; I would not be surprised to see some great work coming from you during this time! I can also give you some advice over email. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.