

English IV Lesson Plans
April 6-10, 2020

Monday, April 6, 2020

1. Bellwork: do the “Intermediate Paragraph Correction #1”.
2. Intro to Journal Writing: You can journal in a notebook, on a computer, or use your notes in your phone. You are witnessing history right now, and it would be interesting to read your journal to your future self or to your future kids.
3. Answer this writing prompt in your journal today.
Prompt: Freewrite today about how you are handling the cancelation of your senior year. What makes you mad or sad about not having a prom, spring sports, or a graduation ceremony? How are you making the most out of all this free time you have right now? What is the worst thing about school being canceled? What is the best thing about the cancelation?

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

1. Bellwork: Answer this prompt in your journal.
Prompt: Write a list of fifteen things you like about yourself or your life. You can write in a list format, or you can write a narrative paragraph or two.
2. During the spring, seniors were going to study a novel. There are some great classics that you can find online for free. We would like to suggest that during this time you find something to read. Pick something that appeals to you, but if you wanted to read something from the Victorian period here are some authors to consider: Chales Dickens, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Charlotte and Emily Bronte, Thomas Hardy, Robert Louis Stevenson, Anthony Trollope, William Makepeace Thackery, etc. Many of these authors did short stories too. Take notes on the characters and setting. What themes does the novel explore? Is there symbolism or foreshadowing? Pretend you had to teach the novel; what would you like your students to learn?
3. Pick a novel or a short story and read for 20 minutes.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

1. Bellwork: do the “Intermediate Paragraph Correction #2”.
2. Read the poem below and respond to the prompt or question:
 - a. Make a list of all the sensory details you find in the poem. Sensory details are details that involve one of your five senses. The senses are touch, taste, sight, smell, and sound (hearing).
 - b. There is a rhyme scheme to this poem. Can you write down the pattern? For example: abba abba cdcd ee.
 - c. What words did you have to look up to understand their meaning? Write them down and their definitions.
 - d. This is considered one of the most famous poems in the English language. Why do you think that is true?

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
and twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not be but gay,
in such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
what wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

1. Bellwork: Answer this prompt in your journal.
Prompt: Describe yourself at 70 years old. What do you look like? What did you accomplish in your life that you are proud of? What did you learn? Where do you live? What was your career?
2. If it's a nice day, go outside and find something that you think is beautiful like Wordsworth did with the daffodils in the poem you read yesterday. If it's not nice out, find something inside. You can do one of two things, the first is write a poem about the object, or the second thing you can do is write a descriptive paragraph about the "thing" using sensory details.
3. Challenge yourself to read again for at least 20 minutes.

Friday, April 10, 2020

1. Bellwork: do the "Intermediate Paragraph Correction #3".
2. Read the poem below and respond to the prompts or questions:

- a. What is the one thing (or more) that makes you feel the same joy you did when you were a child?
- b. What do you think the line “The Child is father of the Man” means?
- c. Look up the word “piety”. Why do you think Wordsworth talked about piety in this poem?
- d. Write a setting with a rainbow in it. What does that look, smell, and feel like?

My Heart Leaps Up When I Behold

My heart leaps up when I behold

A rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;

So is it now I am a man;

So be it when I shall grow old,

Or let me die!

The Child is father of the Man;

And I could wish my days to be

Bound each to each by natural piety.

3. Go out and enjoy some nature this weekend. Pay attention to all those sensory details coming at you. What smells good? What do you see? Try to find different textures to touch. Get some sunshine on your face. What does that feel like? Can you hear birds? Be aware of your surroundings.

