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Tuesday, December 11, 2007

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Three more days and three half days and then.....two and a half weeks off! Yay!

Here's what we did today....

SAT Prep: You received your pre-test back and then examined the questions you got incorrect. You were able to take home your pre-test questions and scantrons to study for the exit exam tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday. I conferenced with each of you, gave you a grade print out and told you your target grade to get a 100% on the final.

American Lit.: Again, we met in the computer lab and you worked all period. Remember: you have staggering due dates — you will turn in and present your speech either tomorrow, Thursday or Friday. The day your speech is due, you need to have the following: your rubric with your www.turnitin.com receipt number written on it, your written speech, and your works cited page. HW: WORK ON YOUR SPEECH!

10th honors lit.: We reviewed the story of Oedipus the King and the elements of a Greek tragedy. Then we read Antigone scene 2. Second period completed questions page 788 (1-5;7-9) HW: None. Second period reminders: Thursday is Secret Snowman Day. Bring breakfast to share. Thursday fourth period is pizza day.

See you tomorrow!

American Lit. handouts section of this website.

HW: Work on your speeches! You should have all your research done and should be beginning to outline and write your speech. On Monday, three printed out (all info!) sources are due with your narrowed down topic and stance.

Here are some good links I found - some have info., some have additional topics you may want to consider:

www.exemptopicanalysis.com

www.goodspeechtopics.com

www.procon.org

How to do a Works Cited Page sample: <http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/sample.shtml>

10th honors lit.: We finished the very heinous version (that Mrs. Breaux will never, never show again) of Jane Eyre. Mental note to self: Not everything A&E produces is exceptional.

HW: None

Looking ahead to next week: You will get your final exam study guide on Monday, your lit. logs, and possibly your JE Test, you will also receive your revision sheet and will get to revise either: the Catcher Essay Test, Reflective Narrative, or Jane Eyre test for up to 15 pts. back. You also need your books Monday-Friday.

Okay, off to run home. Need some R&R before I grade ALL weekend.

Ciao.

Mrs. B 😊

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Thursday, December 6, 2007

December 6, 2007 · No Comments

Good afternoon, folks!

And what a cold afternoon...and morning we are having! Brrrrrr!

Here's what we did today:

SAT Prep: We reviewed what index cards were due tomorrow (words recalcitrant to sycophant) and the words for your overall cumulative vocabulary test on Monday (words from abjure to sycophant, minus words from cogent to conundrum. Then, you took section 4, critical reading, of section 3 practice test in your Sparknotes book. Then, you took ten

minutes of section 6 (writing). HW: index cards (last time!!)

American Literature: Today, we read former NYC mayor and Presidential candidate, Giuliani's 9/11 speech. You were given a handout worth 200 CW/HW points that is due tomorrow. See American Literature Handouts for today's CW/HW. We have had a date change — your three sources printed out - due on Monday.

Adios.

Mrs. Breaux

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Wednesday, December 5, 2007

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This one is going to be short, sweet and to the point.

SAT Prep: We reviewed your critical reading section from Monday, then I reviewed points about the essay and how to approach it. HW: None

American Lit.: We read George W. Bush's 9/11 speech. We discussed its effectiveness, style and structure after we read it. HW: research speech

10th honors lit.: We watched Jane Eyre — the A & E version. No make-up work.

HW: study for last JE vocabulary quiz - words 176-201.

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Tuesday, December 4, 2007

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Good morning! Today's post is early due to the fact that my sophomores are taking their [Jane Eyre](#) Essay Test today and I have time to write an early post. Here's what we did today: **SAT Prep:** You took your Case/Complement/S-V Agreement Test, then you got out your SparkNotes SAT Guide and flipped to Practice Test 3, section 2 (sorry, no page numbers are in this section!) and completed #1-24 of the critical reading section. HW: Finish the section if necessary. We'll go over it tomorrow. **American Lit.:** Today, we read MLK, jr's "I Have a Dream" speech, then we read JFK's "Inaugural Address" from your textbook, finally for HW, you had to complete the chart that was stapled to the back of King's speech.

10th honors Lit.: Today you took your JE Essay Test. HW: None.

See you tomorrow!

Mrs. B

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Monday, December 3, 2007

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Well, it's that time of the year again. I have avoided shopping thus far, but I need to start soon because there's only three weeks until Christmas. I swore to myself when I took up knitting last Spring that I would knit enough scarves for my friends and family. I've only knit two and I'm still working on the second! Anyhow, on with today's lessons...

SAT Prep: Today you took Vocabulary Quiz #7. HW: Study for the complement/case/s/v agreement test. Here are some helpful links for additional practice: http://www.daltonstate.edu/faculty/mnielsen/pronoun_case_1.htm

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/niu/niu8.htm>

<http://grammar.uoregon.edu/nouns/nounpractice.html>

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/agreement_add1.htm

American Lit.: Today, we reviewed the 12 rhetorical devices from your handouts that you received on Friday. Then, we read over the tips for persuasive speeches, then we drew names for speech performances next week. Finally, we began reading MLK, jr's "I Have a Dream" speech. HW: Begin researching your speech.

10th grade honors Lit.: Today, I went over the questions from your JE Study guide and had you cross out the ones I will not ask. Then, I answered any questions that were confusing or that you needed help with, and then you worked quietly at your desk on the questions.

Second period has decided to do "Secret Snowmen" and we selected our names today.

Thanks to Jessie Sutton for the idea and coordinating! Fourth period voted to not do Secret Snowmen. HW: Study for your JE Test.

Have a great night! I must go cook dinner and grade sophomore papers.

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Friday, November 29, 2007

November 30, 2007 · No Comments

TGIF!! This is the last thing I need to do today and I'm out of here! I think I'm going to end up seeing a movie tonight, even though, Friday evenings I generally like staying at home and relaxing after a long week.

Here's what we did today:

SAT PREP: We reviewed the work you did yesterday on your pronoun case practice packet. I checked your index cards for week 7. **HW:** Study for Quiz 7 - words pernicious to rebuke.

American Lit.: You took your Rev. War Lit. Quiz. Then, I gave you handouts on: rhetorical devices, persuasive speech tips and topics, and MLK, jr's "I have a dream" speech. No textbook Monday, but bring all handouts! **HW:** None — but start thinking about your topic.

10th honors Lit.: You took JE Vocab Quiz #7. Then, we had a great discussion about JE.

HW: Study for JE Test (moved to Tuesday!)

Have a great weekend! Mrs. Breaux

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Thursday, November 29, 2007

November 29, 2007 · No Comments

Major events today: an unexpected fire drill during 2nd period and teacher survey day.

Weather: somewhat cold

Mrs. Breaux's mood: amused

SAT Prep: Today you learned about pronoun case. You completed 5-6 exercises in your pronoun packet.

American Lit.: Today, I gave you your GHSWT scores. They should be mailed to your house soon. Then, we read Thomas Paine's "The Crisis" and I had you fill out a two-column chart. You had to write one quote (MLA style) on the left-hand side and interpret it and list any rhetorical device used on the right hand side. You need to have at least eight quotations and turn it tomorrow for a HW grade. **HW:** study rhetorical devices (repetition, restatement, parallelism, and metaphor) and the following: Declaration of Independence (Jefferson), Speech in the Virginia Convention (Henry), Speech in the Convention (Franklin) and The

Crisis (Paine).

10th honors lit.: Today, I had to cancel JE Vocabulary Quiz #7 due to the unannounced fire drill. I handed out your study guides for your JE test on Monday and we had a class discussion on the novel — 2nd period, you guys were a bit sedated, 4th period — you guys did a great job! We discussed: the idea of conventions vs. morality, internal vs. external beauty, Mr. Rochester's blindness at the end as a symbol, Jane's journey, Bertha's madness...I loved our discussion! If you need a copy of the study guide, click on 10th honors handouts and download it.

HW: Re-study for JE Vocab. quiz #7 (words 151-174)

Must run! A special thanks to Ellie Sender for helping me after school in my classroom for a loooooonngggg time!

Mrs. B

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Wednesday, November 28, 2007

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Early release day = Mrs. Breaux forgetting to complete a post.

Here is what we did:

SAT Prep: We reviewed the S/V agreement rules and then worked on subject complements - Predicate Adjectives and Predicate Nominatives. HW: None

American Lit.: We checked the questions from Henry's and Franklin's speeches. HW: Study for Rev. War Speech quiz on Friday.

10th honors lit.: You turned in your JE multi-genre portfolios! Yay, they're done! After I checked you off for turning in your portfolios, I let you take a much needed 15 minute break. HW: study for JE test (postponed until Monday!)

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

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Rain, rain, come back someday soon, we need you!

Today was our first annual Bring your Mom to School Day. If the parking lot was any sign,

then today was a rousing success. It was nice to meet or re-meet some of your moms! Then, we saw the play “This is a Test....” by the drama department, so we had a shortened period.

SAT Prep — We reviewed S/V agreement rules. HW: None

American Lit.: Before the play, I collected last night’s homework, gave you a completion grade and gave it back to you. Then, after the play, we discussed each question and then went over it, but we didn’t finish, so we will tomorrow.

NO HW

10th honors lit.: Before the play, I answered any questions that you might have on your portfolio. After the play, I allowed anyone that needed help to come up and have me read a section of your poem, paper, or essays.

Remember to make sure your essay and paper are scanned through www.turnitin.com and that your receipt numbers are on your essays.

HW: Finalize portfolio. Remember, I will answer emails through 10 pm tonight.

Chow!

Mrs. B 😊

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Monday, November 26, 2007

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Hey folks!

Welcome back. Today was a toughie — some of you were extra sedated. All that turkey and rest, I know...I know.

Here’s what we did:

SAT Prep: A plethora of handouts on: S/V agreement, Subject complements and Pronoun Case. We checked your grammatical exercises from last Monday. Vocab. words (available via the Internet) from: pernicious to rebuke. HW: None

10th honors lit.: Today was peer editing/revision day for your character or thematic analysis. I checked your papers for MLA format, length and you earned a quiz grade. Then, I assigned you partners. Here was the checklist for editing:

- Read through once without marking anything
- Highlight thesis and topic sentences

- Does the thesis show profound critical thinking? Is it arguable and provable?
- Are the topic sentences analytical and answer the questions “what” and “why?”
- Is the paper organized logically and clearly?
- Has the best possible evidence been selected?
- Edit for: diction, sentence structure and to be verbs
- leave positive and constructive criticism in a paragraph at the end of their paper.

HW: Work on portfolio!

American Lit.: We continued with our Rev. speech unit. We read Patrick Henry’s “Speech in the Virginia Convention” pages 186-190 and Ben Franklin’s “Speech in the Convention” pages 191-192. I introduced you to the following rhetorical devices: repetition, restatement, and parallelism.

HW: Questions page 193 (#1-6; 8-9).

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Update: New Handouts

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Good Evening, folks! I hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving Break! I just wanted you guys to know that I added some handouts on the site that you may find useful. I will be giving these handouts out this week, but if you want to download them early, please feel free to do so.

Sophomores: Jane Eyre Rubric

Juniors: Rhetorical Devices handout and Persuasive Speech topics hints and topic lists.

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Monday, November 19, 2007

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Yay!!! One more day of school until Turkey Day!!! I can't believe that we only have five weeks until the holidays, can you??

Here's what we did today:

SAT PREP: Parts of Speech test, then grammar work. See me for precise pages, notes and exercises.

American Lit.: Today you turned in your project. Yay!! It's done! Aren't you happy? Well, most of you are happy, some of you took 10% off and earned an extra day. HW: None.

10th honors Lit.: Today, you took a pop quiz. Second period had ch. 31-33 and fourth period had ch. 28-33. Then, you met in committees to finalize last minute plans for tomorrow.

HW: Prepare for tomorrow's Victorian Tea Party.

See you tomorrow!

Love,

Mrs. B 😊

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Friday, November 16, 2007

November 19, 2007 · No Comments

Hey Folks! Yay! Only two more school days left and then we have five days off for Turkey Day!

Here's what we did today:

SAT PREP: Class started at 7:45 am. Basic Parts of Speech test will be Monday. Vocab. Quiz #5 will be Tuesday. HW: Study for test.

American Lit.: You were given all period to work on your Crucible portfolio. I answered questions and proofread samples of you work all period.

Reminders for your portfolio: Both the thematic essay and research paper must be turned

into www.turnitin.com by no later than 8:25 am Monday. Portfolio will not be accepted without both turned in and receipt numbers on your rubric, remember MLA format for title and headings, remember 2-3 different parenthetical citations per paragraph and cite anything that is not general information. Order for paper: Top to bottom: rubric with info. fully completed and turnitin.com receipt numbers for each paper, research paper, works cited page, thematic essay, poem, art part (only if it will fit in portfolio, if it is over-sized, put your first and last name and period on it and turn it in separately, and any rough drafts. Must be in clear report cover.

Portfolios will be accepted after Thanksgiving for a maximum of a 50%.

HW: FINISH Portfolio. Due Monday.

10th grade honors lit.: You read your hw assignment for half the period (Ch. 32) and then for the other half, you worked with your Victorian Tea Party committees.

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HW: Finish as much as you can in JE — book must be finished by Tuesday!

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