

Second Semester Friday Freewrites: 2019

The Big Idea: You need some time to slow down and think not only about the texts we read, watch, and listen to, but *how they apply to you*. Why is American Literature not only relevant but essential to us? Each Friday, you will select a topic (see choices below) and explore it. Hopefully, each Friday Freewrite helps bridge any gap between you and what we're investigating in class.

The Details: You will have 10-15 minutes to write during Friday Freewrite time. You will handwrite these. Then, you will have another 10-15 minutes to discuss your freewrites with your grid groups. I will give an Attempt and Completion grade for each writing and a Growth grade for grid group discussion notes.

The Two Rules:

1. Write throughout the entire time given. The pen(cil) never leaves the paper.
 2. You can't write in straight, horizontal lines.
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The Prompts:

March

"Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes. Not only is empathy hard to outsource and automate, but it makes the world a better place." -- Daniel H. Pink

"Empathy is about finding echoes of another person in yourself." -- Mohsin Hamid

Consider one or both of the above quotations about empathy.

- How has writing, performing, and listening to empathy monologues affected your understanding of your family member?
- Did you find any echoes of yourself in this person?
- What do you understand differently about yourself and your own worldview?
- Any other aspect of the quotation strike you?