

English 12: British Literature and Composition

Thanksgiving Break Bonus Opportunity

Part I: Conflict Essay

Essay prompt:

"Tough challenges reveal our strengths and weaknesses." This statement is certainly true; adversity helps us discover who we are. Hardships can often lead us to examine who we are and to question what is important in life. In fact, people who have experienced seriously adverse events frequently report that they were positively changed by their negative experiences.

Assignment:

Do you think that ease does not challenge us and that we need adversity to help us discover who we are? Plan and write an essay of at least 500 words in which you develop your point of view on this issue. You must *take definitive stand* and *support your position with reasoning and examples* taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

Part II: Vocabulary Story

By the end of this semester, you will have learned 100 new words from our Vocabulary Lessons. As part of your final exam, you will reveal your mastery of these 100 words. To aid you as you begin to review and to provide you a chance to earn extra points, you have the opportunity to *compose a creative story* in which you use each of the 80 words you have learned thus far this semester. You may, of course, vary the form of words to fit your syntax as necessary. I will assess you in part based on your logical and contextually accurate use of the vocabulary words. As with any story, yours must include an engaging beginning, clear character development, a conflict that drives the action, and a satisfying conclusion—these elements will be part of your assessment as well.