**ONLINE LEARNING WEEK 2 (MARCH 30-APRIL 6)**

**ASSIGNMENT #1:**

I want you to continue journaling about the crisis we face. How has it changed this week? What have you been doing to during this time off from school? How has your life changed because of this virus?

Some possibilities for your written response:

* Describe how this virus has disrupted your school year—including sporting events, concerts, community events, etc.
* Discuss how it has disrupted your daily life.
* Share how the virus has affected your friends and family.
* Respond to any aspect of this crisis that you find interesting. That can be any type of media that catches your attention and makes you think—including a news article, a broadcast, a TEDtalk, a tweet, an Instagram post, a podcast, a film or a photograph. Anything that inspires thought about the crisis.

Here are some links to get you started (you can use other sources if you like):

* [Two women fell sick, one survived](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/03/13/world/asia/coronavirus-death-life.html)
* [25 songs that matter now](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/03/11/magazine/best-songs.html)
* [Conronavirus explained in TedTalk:](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqw-9yMV0sl)
* [Political Cartoons](http://www.cagle.com/bob-englehart/2020/03/corona-news)
* [A soccer team is trapped by the virus](http://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/13/sports/soccer/wuhan-coronavirus-spain-soccer.html)
* [Who will pay the salaries of stadium workers? One player steps up.](http://people.com/sports/pelicans-star-zion-williamson-pay-salaries-staffers-smoothie-king-center/)
* [Researchers are using a World of Warcraft scenario to understand the spread of COVID-19](http://pcgamer.com/the-researchers-who-once-studied-wows-corrupted-blood-plague-are-now-fighting-the-coronavirus/)

I really enjoyed reading the journals you wrote this past week about the virus. This pandemic is affecting us all in different ways and it is encouraging to me to hear your stories. Keep writing and I look forward to reading more of your thoughts.

**Assignment #2:**

**“The Lady or the Tiger” Story Analysis**

To give you a break from thinking and stressing about the current situation, I want you to read and analyze this short story about a prince that has a choice to make. It is a humorous story that I think will help take your mind off the current crisis for a little while. In the story, a “semi-barbaric king” delivers justice through chance, which puts his daughter and her live interest in a no-win situation. As you read, take notes on how the various characters view the possible outcomes of the trial.

Directions:

* Read the story
* Answer all text-dependent and discussion questions
* Email your answers to me in complete sentences if asked

Commonlit.com story link:

* [“The Lady or the Tiger”](http://commonlit.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/texts/student_pdfs/000/000/478/original/commonlit_the-lady-or-the-tiger_student.pdf)

**Assignment #3:**

READ FOR AT LEAST 20 MIN. EVERYDAY!

Daily reading is the best way to keep your mind active. It really doesn't matter what you read. Pick a novel, magazine, news articles, or even a comic book. Something other than social media.

I will send out reminders to your parents and you in the coming days about the next step. Stay safe and take care of each other.RE