**PSAT I Writing—Mrs. Stevens**

**April 27-May 1**

You will find class resources (notes and PowerPoints/presentations) for me each week in the PSAT 2020 **General** Section. At the top, click Files>Class Materials>Week 6 folder for me. I'll try to post any PowerPoint documents in PDF form as well just in case the actual PPT doesn't cooperate with your device. See pic below of this week's directions.

Some info from last week: Why are we reading this little book when this is the Writing section of the PSAT? Sometimes I have students read fiction and respond, and other times I have students read nonfiction and respond. This book is easily accessible for free online**. I hope to see your writing skills IN ACTION when you respond to what you’ve read, so I can help you with actual sentences you’re constructing and the decisions you’re making in the writing process.**

**Therefore, you are utilizing all of the grammar lessons we’ve learned SO FAR in your writing, which is the most relevant need for these lessons—for you to be a better writer/communicator!**

**Reading and writing are connected. Through reading, you are exposed to writing. Most published writers discuss the bulk of reading they do to become a better writer.**

For this week:

1. **Keep reading *Of Mice and Men* Ch. 2-3** (if you have the actual book for this, you will see that it’s divided into six sections and doesn’t have labeled chapters; however, the online source that you will use does have the chapters labeled 1-6). <http://giove.isti.cnr.it/demo/eread/Libri/sad/OfMiceAndMen.pdf> (I’d go ahead and save this link as a bookmark or to your phone/computer for easy access).

Some of you may want to read ahead, but keep in mind that you will probably forget some of the specific things I will have you write about if you do that, but it’s really up to you. Also, DO NOT GIVE ANY SPOILERS TO CLASSMATES IF YOU READ AHEAD!!!!! (spoiling books is NOT something I take lightly, so be warned)

1. **Write approximately a page reaction to your reading of Ch.2-3. Turn in by Friday.** You can react/respond to the reading any way you choose. You can pick a particular passage that particularly stood out to you. You can discuss anything you find confusing or have questions about. You can write about anything you like or did not like. It’s YOUR reaction.

If typed, please double-space your response. If handwritten, please make sure it’s legible.

1. **Khan Academy review:** If you have difficulty easily finding verbs in sentences, and need a verb recap/verb tense overview, please help yourself by completing the following exercises on Khan’s Grammar: Introduction to verbs, the tenses, linking and helping verbs

**Since most of you probably feel comfortable with the general verb, this week I’m just assigning the verb sections that cover the more obscure rules:** irregular verbs and verb aspect (progressive and perfect).

It’s good to have the basics looked over on this before we discuss the verb questions that come up on the PSAT that aren’t just subject-verb agreement.

**ZOOM\* lecture/discussion meeting this week!** this Thursday

Please send me a message on Remind of what your preferred time is, and I’ll pick the time that works with most people (11am, 2pm, or 4pm)

* I will go over some of the pronoun and verb essentials you’ve covered (this week and previous weeks on pronouns).
* Transition quiz Q & A (if needed—you took this quiz in Week 4
* *Of Mice and Men* discussion—any needed Q & A

\*Specific zoom info/meeting time will be sent Wednesday afternoon or Thurs. morning.

**NEWS**: They are currently in the **REFUND** process of the April 15 PSAT practice test fee ($17). I don’t know any details other than they will be issuing refunds.