**ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH**

* **Monday, April 13th:**Today you will be listening to a lecture regrading first lines of novels*.* If you are offended by the use of swear words in literature, skip the first sentences presented at 3:28-3:37 and 11:10-11:26. On YouTube, watch ["How to Write a Good First Line"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bm9trk8xRpg) presented by Diane Callahan. As you listen, [answer these questions](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/how_to_write_a_good_first_line_lecture_questions.docx). **Submit your responses by Wednesday.**
* **Tuesday, April 14th:**Writing Exercise #4. Write eight possible first sentences for either a short story or a novel. Two of the sentences must lead the reader to ask questions, two of the sentences must introduce a character, two of the sentences must employ imagery, and two of the sentence must reveal a theme. **Email me your eight sentences by Thursday.**
* **Wednesday, April 15th**: Continue working on your [book review](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/book_review_assignment_2020.docx)--remember you need to finish the book and submit the essay by the end of the month.
* **Thursday, April 16th:**Writing Exercise #5. Today we will continue with writing first sentences, but this time you will have randomly generated topics. Go to [Wikipedia's main page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page). On the left side of your screen, you will see a menu that includes an option which reads "Random Article." When you click this, a completely random article will appear. For each article you are randomly assigned, write the first line of a short story or novel. Your sentence must include the words/names/places from the article title. If you are given an article title that is not appropriate for school (this has not happened to me personally when doing this exercise, but we are dealing with the internet after all...), please skip it immediately and generate a new random article. You may also skip any articles titled "List of...." Write eight first lines with the topics randomly given to you by Wikipedia. **Email me your sentences by Tuesday, April 21st.**
* **Friday, April 17th**:  [Fill out this form regarding your final project.](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/final_project_self-assignment_2020.docx) The main focus of this class is that you begin a creative writing project--something that you want to write: short story collection, memoirs, the first chapters of a novel, a creative piece of nonfiction, a collection of poems, etc... There is a lot of freedom for the final project, but you must have instructor approval and generally you are required to produce a minimum of twenty pages; however, this does depend on the genre you choose to write. **Email me with any questions and submit your final project plan by Monday, April 20th.**