**Romeo and Juliet Essay**

Write a 750-1000 word comparative essay, choosing two key characters from the play. Make sure you have a clear thesis statement in your introduction that informs the reader of what point you plan on arguing throughout your essay. Remember to use a point, proof, discussion model in each of your body paragraphs, with clear examples taken from within the play. Mr. Bignell previously went over how to write a comparative essay, be sure to follow the format he taught you.

When citing the lines from the play, remember to use the act, scene, line number format (II,iii,58-60). Have this written outside of the quoted lines, before the period that finishes the sentence.

Make sure you reference literary/poetic devices throughout your essay to support and enhance your arguments whenever you can.

You will be given in class time to write your essay, and there will be an opportunity to peer edit each other’s work before handing in your final essay.

**In Class Essay**

* Write an approx. 750 word essay on one of the two topics below
* include a clear thesis statement in the introductory paragraph, that informs the reader of what point you plan on arguing
* Remember to a use point, proof, discussion model in each of your body paragraphs, with clear examples taken from within the play
* Write a 5 paragraph essay: 1st paragraph is the essay, then 3 body paragraphs arguing the thesis, followed by a final concluding paragraph
* Be sure to use MLA format when citing your line. If you were citing Act II, scene iii lines 58-60, you would write it as (II.iii.58-60)
* Where applicable, reference literary/poetic devices throughout the essay to strengthen your analysis
* You will have 1 period of in class time to write the essay
* You may bring in 1 page outline (provided) so you can organize your thoughts before writing the essay in class
* The essay will be written by hand on lined paper, not on your computers. No computers/netbooks/ipads/phones will be allowed out during the period

THE IN CLASS ESSAY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING **2ND PERIOD THURSDAY APRIL 18TH**  
  
Essay Topics to choose from:  
  
**Argue whether fate is to blame for the deaths within the play.**  
  
OR  
  
**Choose who YOU believe is more mature (Romeo or Juliet) and argue your opinion. (think about their thoughts and tendencies towards suicide, what/who are they influenced by, their decisions throughout the play etc)**  
  
I will post the rubric for this essay this weekend.