American Literature
Distance Learning Week 3:
April 20-26, 2020

Hello, American Lit Students! This week, we will continue our **Unit 3, on Conflict and Integrity**. Although we will not be following the original syllabus exactly, we will still be investigating the **essential questions:**

o   Is personal integrity more important than survival?
o   What is community and what is an individual's responsibility to their community?
o   How does conflict influence a person's behavior?
o   What is the impact of herd mentality?

Last week, we read an informational article about herd behavior and watched a short video about the same. This week, we will be reading a narrative piece about code switching, **"Learning How to Code Switch: Humbling, But Necessary" by Eric Deggens**. Code switching is the practice of changing your language or how you speak based on the context of a situation. For example, you might code-switch to a more formal style if your boss calls you on the phone in the middle of a conversation with your friends. As you read the article, think about the herd behavior topic from last week. How are these things related?

To accompany this article, I will also include **supplemental video links showing code switching in action** that you will want to check out (Key and Peele, Beyonce, Obama, etc.).

To complete this week's assignments, please do the following:

1. Read the article about code switching and take a few notes. The article is also attached to this post as a PDF, or you may use your CommonLit account and find the article here: https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/learning-how-to-code-switch-humbling-but-necessary

2. Answer the discussion questions in the **"Week 3: Code Switching Discussion"** form in your **Assignments** tab in Microsoft Teams. You can also use this link to access it: https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx#FormId=az3jCFSmakiA4yCxkK4i1z00RgFOx EJIuci9QfDorjZUQVM2VkNMTkI4T1RSMllDTVdENk9MTVk1VS4u

3. Choose a third assignment prompt from the **Week 3 Journal Entry Assignment** (different than the one you chose last week) and answer the writing prompt and journal entry. **This assignment is now available as a Form to fill out in Teams**, **OR you may upload your assignment as an attached document**. (You may also use Word/GoogleDocs, then copy/paste.)

Supplemental Links:
- Videos of Obama, Beyonce, multilingual children code switching, embedded in this article: https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/04/08/176064688/how-code-switching-explains-the-world
- Short sketch by Key and Peele of code switching: http://www.cc.com/video-clips/qvrhhj/key-and-peele-phone-call