

**American Literature
Virtual Learning Week 5:
May 4 - May 10, 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**:

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

Last week, we watched a short video about the Salem Witch Trials, a great example of the dangers of herd behavior and mass hysteria. **This week**, we will be reading **reading short article** about cyberbullying--another dangerous impact of herd behavior. **OR** you may complete a **writing prompt with journal entry** as an alternative assignment.

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

1. Watch the Week 5: Mini-Lesson Video, posted on the Announcement page.

*Here is a link to the slides only:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TpIyxaldiKanbqbP0YP-PW9JxDrPGvgctZD6Kavojh0/edit?usp=sharing>

2. Then, do ONE of the following options:

Option A:

1. Read the article about cyber-bullying during the pandemic, found here:

https://www.digitaltrends.com/news/cyberbullying-asian-people-hate-speech-coronavirus/?itm_medium=editors

2. Answer the questions in the **Week 5 Journal Response** Assignment

Option B:

1. Respond to a new writing prompt and journal entry. *A new set of options is available this week, including a video response option! You may upload or type in your assignments in the form on Teams, or email directly to me.

Option C:

1. Complete *both* assignments for 20 points of extra credit! This is a great option for students who are looking to raise their grades, make up for a missed assignment, or just want a creative outlet! **New:** Upload a video response for any of the assignment options. **Also: New Writing Prompt Options** on final slides (also attached in Week 5 Assignment post)