

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

Hello, Freshman Lit Students! This week, we continue with our third week of **Unit 2, on Love & Sacrifice**. Although we will not be following the original syllabus exactly, it is my hope that we can still use parts of our original mentor text, *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare, along with supplementary texts to investigate the **essential questions**:

- What is love?
- What are the boundaries of love and sacrifice?
- How do relationships shape our values, actions, and lives?

**Last week**, we read a short article about how showing compassion can make you a physically healthier person. **This week**, we will be **reading a poem “I Am Offering This Poem” by Jimmy Santiago Baca**. You will complete comprehension questions about the text and answer a question for discussion.

You will also need to complete another Journal Entry Assignment, writing a journal entry and completing a prompt from the assignment grid like last week.

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

1. Watch the short video clip of the author speaking about his past here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOcqE7IPNaU>
2. Read “I am Offering This Poem” by Baca (attached as a PDF to this post).
3. Answer the questions in the “**Week 3: Reading Questions**” form in your **Assignments** tab in Microsoft Teams. You can also use this link to access to form:  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/\\_#/school/classroom/General?threadId=19:907941cd84cd4b568f1afbb31a0d60a3@thread.tacv2&ctx=channel](https://teams.microsoft.com/_#/school/classroom/General?threadId=19:907941cd84cd4b568f1afbb31a0d60a3@thread.tacv2&ctx=channel)
4. 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. Be sure to include also include a journal response describing your feelings and experiences this week, in addition to the prompt. **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 answer the questions using the Forms document. (You may also use Word/GoogleDocs to write it, then just copy and paste your answers into the form fields when you are finished.)

**Useful Links:**

- The author, Jimmy Santiago Baca, reading this poem:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm7U9BtPXXM>