

For October 2nd you will read through several handouts and watch two videos. (The readings are attached.) Your assignment is to read/view everything and prepare a written response. Your response should include 2 things:

- 1) Identify the common theme of all of the articles/video. Try to be as precise and concise as possible (less than 10 words). Keep in mind that these items were chosen for a particular reason, but you may identify a theme that differs from the intended one. This is perfectly acceptable and is likely to generate good discussion.
- 2) Rank the articles as to how well they convey the particular theme you have identified. So, tell me what item did the best job of conveying the theme, the 2nd-best and so on.
- 3) Add in a video/article that you think would add to the theme.

The following is a list of the readings and the videos. Make sure you have read or watched all of them before you start your response.

- (R) Chapter 3 of Winston Churchill's autobiography (handout)
- (V) Columbia University's 2010 Valedictory Address.
https://vikingweb.berry.edu/ICS/Portlets/ICS/Handoutportlet/viewhandler.ashx?handout_id=58ff50e2-4d73-46fe-8b7a-749f9d380911
- (R) What George Amberson learned in college (handout)
- (R) Erica Goldson's valedictory address to Cocksackie-Athens High School (handout)
- (R) A poetic answer to the common question "*Did I miss anything?*" (handout)
- (V) A video from The Onion News Network about biased tests. This link is:
<http://www.theonion.com/video/in-the-know-are-tests-biased-against-students-who,17966/>

Warning: This video contains adult language. But since we're all adults, it should be okay.

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