**Snow Day Compare/Contrast Essay Directions**

We were going to write the compare/contrast paragraph of our essays today in class. There is a handout on Weebly, which discusses compare/contrast paragraphs. Use it as an example to guide you in your writing.

The topic of the 3rd body paragraph should be the similarities and differences you can find between Macbeth and Winston in regard to the general topic you discuss in your thesis statement (power, control, manipulation, or any combination of the three). Remember, you don’t need to use quotes from the play or novel as evidence, but you should refer to the character or events that bolster your point. This also means that your Elaboration should be particularly detailed so your reader understands your thinking. You must ARGUE the similarities or differences in this section of the paragraph.

**Here is a basic organizational structure for your paragraph**

Topic sentence

Bridging sentences

Supporting Detail #1

Explanation

Elaboration

Transition

Supporting Detail #2

Explanation

Elaboration

Concluding sentence

If your topic sentence states that there are only similarities, your supporting details would be both similarities. If your topic sentences states only differences, your supporting details would be both differences. If your topic sentence states there are both similarities and differences, then supporting detail 1 would be a similarity and supporting detail 2 would be a difference. This is as easy as can be. **Make the things you compare and contrast meaningful** in relation to power, control, manipulation. Discussing obvious things will not earn you points- they are both victims of manipulation- really? I read both pieces of lit, so I figured that out. Telling me that would be like telling me that the names of the characters are different. Get it???

Good luck ☺.

Your final essay is due in class at the beginning of the hour on Wednesday. We will work on it Tuesday in class, but that is the end of our lab time.

My advice- write the compare/contrast paragraph and conclusion today on your day off! Be ready to edit and revise tomorrow.