For your first formal essay topic, you will choose one of the following options to write a 2-3 paged paper that will have 2-3 scholarly sources in MLA format. The essay is due on February 22, 2019. I will not accept any late papers.

Essay Topic Options:

1) In “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson, the village follows a tradition that is unique to their way of life. Write about tradition and ritual and why it is important/not important to follow them. Use sources to back up your claims.

2) In “Poem” by Frank O’Hara and “Richard Cory” by Edwin Arlington Robinson the deaths of prominent figures are the main idea of the story. Write about why celebrity deaths are sensationalized in society and what people should really be focused on when these sorts of events happen. Use sources to back up your claims.

3) In “I Wandered Lonely as A Cloud” by William Wordsworth nature is very important to the narrator of the story. Write about the significance of human’s relationship to nature. Use scholarly sources to back up your claims.