***O. Henry Essay Project***

**Objective**: You will write a clear and concise paragraph about the similarities in O.Henry’s short stories and explain O.Henry’s beliefs based on these tales.

1. **Brainstorm/Pre-Writing: (Wednesday, 5/9)**
   1. Review all three O.Henry stories we read. (A Retrieved Reformation, Gift of the Magi, One thousand Dollars)
   2. Develop a common theme for all three.
   3. Develop a thesis Statement for your “essay” to answer the question: “***How does O.Henry reveal his beliefs through his writing?”***
   4. Establish 3-5 pieces of evidence to support your thesis.
2. **Draft (Monday Thursday, 5/10)**
   1. Write your introduction
      1. Hook
      2. Thesis
   2. Write your Body paragraphs (3)
      1. Explain and defend your thesis with evidence from your research.
   3. Write your conclusion
      1. Answer the question “So What?”
      2. Don’t repeat, review
      3. Give your reader something to think about
3. **Revise/Edit (Friday, 5/11)**
   1. With your peer groups you will offer suggestions for revisions and edits.
   2. Evaluate which revisions you want to make and develop your final product.

**Your Final Product will be due on Monday, 5/14 (but you will probably be able to finish by the end of class Friday, 5/11).**