**Assignment # 6**

**May 20**

**English 12**

This week we will return to our novel study. There are two parts to this assignment.

**Part A:**

Select ONE character in this novel, then compare *and* contrast him/her to a character you have encountered in another text, of any genre. Consider their circumstances, personalities, action, and anything else you believe is relevant.

**Part B:**

How has the author developed this character? How do you know the things you know about this character? For help with this refer to the notes below about characterization in short stories.

This assignment should be approximately one page in length.

**Due date: Monday May 25**

**Characterization** is the way that a character is presented in a story. Short stories are about *one character* although several others may be involved. The main character must be believable and be motivated to do what they do.

An author may present the main character directly or indirectly. In direct presentation the author tells the reader straight out what the character is like or has another character or the narrator tell the reader.

In indirect presentation the author shows the character in action and the reader must infer what the character is like from what the character says, thinks, or does. Characters are revealed by:

 1. what he does

 2. what he thinks

 3. what he says

 4. how others react to him

 5. how a character reacts to his surroundings

 6. direct explanation/description