

## Thursday and Friday Classwork

So, you have learned that Language Arts means the art of language. In essence, this is, in fact, a sort of art class. However, instead of using paints, canvases, markers, etc. your medium is words. Words have a powerful way of impacting audiences and communicating important messages. What a painting can't do (explain, entertain and inform with great specificity), words CAN! This is the power of words. This is the power of language. It is another method of expressing what is inside of you, whether it be joy, anger, frustration, humiliation, shame, horror, terror, compassion, gratitude, etc. When you think about rappers, and musicians, think to yourself that they have a microphone. They are speaking to the world and the world is listening. Think about what it is that they say. Some have a powerful, positive message. Others only talk about money, drinking, girls, being in the club, and partying.

For this assignment, imagine that I will give you some time with a microphone and radio station for the entire world to hear you. Dig deep inside of you. Think of what is important to you. Think of the things that matter. What will you say? You will think of a message to the world. You will write a speech about your message, and create a collage or art work representing your message.

Imagine that the entire world is listening. What is it that you want to say? What change do you wish to see in the world? What advice would you give to your classmates? What have you been through that they could learn from?

1. Brainstorm your ideas **in your journal** using a web. Web your experiences, major topics that are important to you, things you wish were different in the world, problems you have had, things you wish you could change. What are you going to challenge your audience to do?
2. Out of all the ideas you brainstormed, select 1.
3. Develop that idea by making it into a complete sentence **in your journal**.
4. Is that sentence catchy? Turn it into a slogan. A short catchy phrase or sentence that communicates a strong message.
5. Now, take a sheet of construction paper. Use the magazines to cut images and words that represent your message to create a collage. You may choose to draw your own authentic art instead; however, it must demonstrate effort and deep thought. Try to use symbolism: an image that represents your message.
6. On the back, you write your slogan (message).

7. Last, you write a speech. You will present or read your speech to the class, but you are pretending that you are live and the WHOLE WORLD IS LISTENING. So, make sure that your message is strong and powerful.
8. Remember to think to yourself that this is an ART class. You are creating art using words. Words are powerful. Make sure that you have a powerful message for the world.

BEST OF LUCK! I LOVE YOU, AND I'LL SEE YOU ON MONDAY! XOXO