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* **August 17th- August 21st**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| The impulse to dream was slowly beaten out of me by experience. Now it **surged** up again and I hungered for books, new ways of looking and seeing.  **Richard Wright** | Men simply copied the realities of their hearts when they built prisons.  **Richard Wright** | Men can starve from a lack of **self-realization** as much as they can from a lack of bread.  **Richard Wright** | It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in **diversity** there is beauty and there is strength. We all should know that diversity makes for a rich **tapestry**, and we must understand that all the treads of that tapestry are equal in value no matter their color.  **Maya Angelou** | **Prejudice** is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.  **Maya Angelou** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **August 24th- August 28th Bell work due on Friday**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday (Bell work due)** |
| There's a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure the truth.  **Maya Angelou** | Let me tell young people this - you may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. It may even be necessary to encounter some defeats to know who you are.  **Maya Angelou** | Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage.  **Maya Angelou** | Each of us, famous or infamous, is a role model for somebody, and if we aren't, we should behave as though we are? - Cheerful, kind, loving, courteous. Because you can be sure someone is watching and taking deliberate and diligent notes.  **Maya Angelou** | Nothing will work unless you do.  **Maya Angelou** |
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* **August 31st – September 4th**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise. The human soul cannot be permanently chained.  W.E.B. Dubois | A little less complaint and whining, and a little more dogged work and manly striving, would do us more credit than a thousand civil rights bills.  W.E.B. Dubois | The worker must work for the glory of his handiwork, not simply for pay; the thinker must think for truth, not for fame.  W.E.B. Dubois | You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.  Malcolm X | We black men have a hard enough time in our own struggle for justice, and already have enough enemies as it is, to make the drastic mistake of attacking each other and adding more weight to an already unbearable load.  Malcolm X |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **September 7th –September 11th Bell work due on Friday**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday (Bell work due)** |
| **No School (Labor Day)** | Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.  **Malcolm X** | I have often reflected upon the new vistas that reading opened to me. I knew right there in prison that reading had changed forever the course of my life. As I see it today, the ability to read awoke in me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive.  **Malcolm X** | Without education, you are not going anywhere in this world.  **Malcolm X** | The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses.  **Malcolm X** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **September 14th –September 18th**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything.  **Malcolm X** | There is nothing better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time.  **Malcolm X** | It is not who you attend school with but who controls the school you attend.  **Nikki Giovanni** | Fear of something is at the root of hate for others, and hate within will eventually destroy the hater.  **George Washington Carver** | **No School (DLD)** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **September 21st – September 25th Bell work due on Friday**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday (Bell work due)** |
| Where there is no vision, there is no hope.  **George Washington Carver** | Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.  **George Washington Carver** | Racism, in the first place, is a weapon used by the wealthy to increase the profits they bring in by paying workers [of color] less for their work.  **Angela Davis** | Jails and prisons are designed to break human beings, to convert the population into specimens in a zoo - obedient to our keepers, but dangerous to each other.  **Angela Davis** | No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.  **Alice Walker** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **September 28th- October 2nd**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| The color of the skin is in no way connected with strength of the mind or intellectual powers.  **Benjamin Banneker** | Evil communication corrupts good manners. I hope to live to hear that good communication corrects bad manners  **Benjamin Banneker** | It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.  **Audre Lorde** | You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.  **Booker T. Washington** | The highest test of the civilization of any race is in its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate.  **Booker T. Washington** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **October 5th – October 9th Bell work due on Friday**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday (Bell work due)** |
| He who lives outside the law is a slave. The free man is the man who lives within the law, whether that law be the physical or the divine.  **Booker T. Washington** | Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.  **Booker T. Washington** | I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.  **Booker T. Washington** | Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.  **Booker T. Washington** | Why is it that, as a culture, we are more comfortable seeing two men holding guns than holding hands?  **Ernest Gaines** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

**October 12th- October 16th Fall Break (No School!)**

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* **October 19th – October 23rd**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| There will always be men struggling to change, and there will always be those who are controlled by the past.  **Ernest Gaines** | I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence.  **Frederick Douglass** | Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe.  **Frederick Douglass** | Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle.  **Frederick Douglass, Civil Disobedience Manual** | The thing worse than rebellion is the thing that causes rebellion.  **Frederick Douglass, Reconstruction** |
| Questions:   1. What do you think is the message the author is trying to convey? 2. What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied? 3. How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general? 4. How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read? | | | | |

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* **October 26th – October 30th Bell work due on Friday**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday (Bell work due)** |
| Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.  **Langston Hughes** | If the Negro is not careful he will drink in all the poison of modern civilization and die from the effects of it.  **Marcus Garvey** | They subjugate first, if the weaker peoples will stand for it; then exploit, and if they will not stand for SUBJUGATION nor EXPLOITATION, the other recourse is EXTERMINATION.  **Marcus Garvey** | Liberate the minds of men and ultimately you will liberate the bodies of men.  **Marcus Garvey** | Ambition is the desire to go forward and improve one's condition. It is a burning flame that lights up the life of the individual and makes him see himself in another state. To be ambitious is to be great in mind and soul. To want that which is worthwhile and strive for it. To go on without looking back, reaching to that which gives satisfaction.  **Marcus Garvey** |
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