“What I Learned” Journal

This unit’s nine week grading period is almost complete! But it cannot be finished until everyone, including me, has heard from you!

Please write as honestly and politely as possible about the lessons you’ve learned these nine weeks. We will take turns reading these responses to the class.

Some questions to consider explaining are:

- What is a memoir? And why should a person read one?

- Who is Walter Dean Myers? And what did he teach me about my own life and/or life in general?

- Did watching/listening to the clips from “Alice in Wonderland,” “Glee,” and the new “Alice in Wonderland” music video help me understand/appreciate this unit’s theme—changing identity, finding individualism?

- How has the Harlem Renaissance affected my life? And am I glad that it occurred?

- What are poetic devices? And how did his use of poetic devices help me smell, taste, and hear Langston Hughes’s poetry?

- Do I have a better idea about why grammar is important and useful in everyday life? Why or why not?

- Do I understand why it is important to include evidence—“weaving quotes! And weaving quotes!”—in my papers? Why or why not?

- Did writing my “Where I’m From” poem help me to understand myself and the importance of a person’s background? Why/why not?