Hello Students,

**Here are your assignments for the week:**

*Every week is the same.* Each week of assignments will be worth 50 points. Please see the following directive for you to follow for each day of each week.

**Prompts**:

* **Each day,** you will respond to a writing prompt just as you have been doing all year in class. You must write 5 sentences for each prompt on Monday-Thursday. Friday’s prompt will require you to write an argument using 8 sentences.

**Daily Assignments for Each Week:**

* **Mondays,** after completing your prompt, you will fold a paper into 8 sections and write each word, the definition, create a sentence using the word and draw a picture depicting the word for 8 vocabulary words just as you have been doing all year.
* **Tuesdays,** after completing your prompt, you will perform a first read a poem.
* **Wednesdays,** after completing your prompt, you will demonstrate your ability to comprehend the poem by answering 5 comprehension questions.
* **Thursdays,** after completing your prompt, you will demonstrate your ability to analyze the poem by copying the graphic organizer onto a piece of paper and filling in the table.
* **Fridays,** after completing your prompt, you will demonstrate your ability to reflect on the poem by writing an argument related to an analysis of the poem and citing sufficient evidence from the poem. There will be no quizzes or tests.

**Week 4 Agenda**

**May 11 - May 15**

Monday, May 11:

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| **Writing Prompt May 11 –** Have you ever envied what other people have? How did your feelings effect your actions towards these people? Explain. | **5** |
| **May 11 Assignment** – Vocabulary words: banshee, suffering, moan, melancholy, ravenous, trepidation, waning, and wrath. | **16** |

Tuesday, May 12:

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| **Writing Prompt May 12 –** Have you ever been deceived by someone close to you? How did your feelings influence your relationship with this person? Explain. | **5** |
| **May 12 Assignment -** Read the poem \_\_\_\_\_ | **0** |

Wednesday, May 13:

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| **Writing Prompt May 13 –** Write about the most individual person you know and describe what sets her or him apart from other people. | **5** |
| **May 13 Assignment** - After reading the poem, complete the 5 reading comprehension questions. | **5** |

1. How does Angelou use repetition to create impact in the poem?
2. Give an example of how Angelou uses metaphor in the poem.
3. Give an example of how Angelou uses oxymoron in the poem.
4. What is water (line 4) and bread (line 5) intended to symbolize in the poem?
5. How does Angelou describe sounds throughout the poem? How do the sounds she describes contribute to the overall tone of the poem?

Thursday, May 14:

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| **Writing Prompt May 14 –** What does “learning the hard way” mean? Have you ever had to “learns something the hard way?” Explain. | **5** |
| **May 14 Assignment** - After reading the poem demonstrate your ability to analyze the poem by copying the graphic organizer onto a piece of paper and filling in the table. | **5** |

Friday, May 15:

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| **May 15 Assignment** - Using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence, write an argument to support your claim in an analysis of the provided substantive topic. | **8** |
| **Week 1- Total Points Possible** | **50** |

Write an 8-sentence argument in reaction to the prompt: Nobody can make it in life alone. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How do you think Angelou would respond to the question?

**Week 4 Poem**

**May 11- May 15**

# **Alone**

[Maya Angelou](https://poets.org/poet/maya-angelou)

Lying, thinking  
Last night  
How to find my soul a home  
Where water is not thirsty  
And bread loaf is not stone  
I came up with one thing  
And I don't believe I'm wrong  
That nobody,  
But nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

There are some millionaires  
With money they can't use  
Their wives run round like banshees  
Their children sing the blues  
They've got expensive doctors  
To cure their hearts of stone.  
But nobody  
No, nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Now if you listen closely  
I'll tell you what I know  
Storm clouds are gathering  
The wind is gonna blow  
The race of man is suffering  
And I can hear the moan,  
'Cause nobody,  
But nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.