

English 9

2 September 2022 (First Friday Mass check-in)

Dear 9th Grade:

I am giving you this handout because we won't have class today. There are a couple of items for you to look at and think about before we meet on Tuesday:

1. "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer." Please spend 10 minutes writing notes in your notebook about how Keats conveys the effect of wonder in the poem. Your answers might have to do with the examples he uses, the word choice in the poem, the use of different poetic devices you notice. Please don't Google the poem; instead, spend 10 minutes thinking and writing. What you write will be the basis for a discussion and will be checked only for completion.

2. Usage presentations. On the class website, there's a handout called "usage presentation sign-up sheet" that gives a list of topics for the usage presentation. You also have the presentation overview and what is expected. I will give a sample presentation on Tuesday. These are meant to be short and structured but not elaborate and to start right away. Look at the choices and at the Elements of Style and have a couple of choices in mind you would not mind doing. If you wish to "call" the one you prefer, you may email/Jupiter message me with your top two choices, especially if you want one of the first couple of options. We will officially sign up on Tuesday.

Thanks! Thanks, too, for your good work on the poem recitations, and I look forward to working with you next week!

—Mrs. Walsh