**Short Story Socratic Seminar**

Topic: How do circumstances and human interactions shape whom we become?

What should I investigate before seminar? What should I bring with me?

* My copies of Shelley Pearsall’s The Seventh Most Important Thing and John Steinbeck’s Of Mice and Men and any notes/study guides about how the characters were shaped by their circumstances and interactions with other people.
* My copies of “The Invisible Worker” and the three recent short stories, “Reunion” by John Cheever, “Mrs. Bixby and the Colonel’s Coat” by Roald Dahl, and “The Perfect Mark” by Melodie Campbell. Also make notes from these short stories about how the characters were shaped by their circumstances and interactions with other people.
* Notes that I have taken about naturalism and how that genre of literature framed the discussion of how human interact with each other.
* News articles that I have found by conducting my own research about how people today are shaped by their circumstances and their interactions with other people.

\*The speaking and listening category in the gradebook is worth 15% of your quarter grade. Make your best effort in Socratic Seminar to get involved – contribute worthwhile comments, pose inquisitive questions, show critical listening, and speaking effectively without monopolizing the time.

\*\*You will be completing a peer rubric for someone completing Socratic Seminar on the day you’re an observer. Thank you for being honest and providing constructive feedback.