AP L&C – **Personal Narratives**

Friday - classwork

Adichie imitation exercise: Identify a topic about which you have strong feelings, and write a personal narrative in your spiral notebook in which you employ the strategy from the Adichie essay that you identified as most effective. You may use humor in your essay, but the topic should be serious. You may use the “We Should All Be…” title and framework for your essay, but you do not have to. Write your essay for at least thirty minute and then write a brief explication in which you identify and discuss the strategy that you used from the Adichie essay. After that, if you have more time, you may get into small groups to share your essays.

Homework – due at the start of class on Monday

Listed below is a selection of noteworthy essayists. Pick one and find an essay (not a short story!) to read over the weekend. After you finish the essay, identify and describe three rhetorical strategies that the author used. Include specific details and quotations from the essay in this analysis. Next, identify the strategy that you thought was most effective and explain why. Again, include specific details and quotations from the essay to explain your choice.

Seneca   
Plutarch

Ivan Turgenev

Lu Hsun

Jorge Luis Borges

Maria Edgeworth

Natalia Ginzburg

Virginia Woolf

James Thurber

E.B. White

Mary McCarthy

F. Scott Fitzgerald

James Baldwin

Joan Didion

Adrienne Rich

Annie Dillard

Marilynne Robinson

David Foster Wallace

Christopher Hitchens

Susan Sontag

Hilton Als

Maggie Nelson

Jhumpa Lahiri