

## Drama, Writing and Speech

### Assignment 14

- Read Dickens's "A Christmas Dinner" from *Sketches by Boz*.
- Be prepared to recite your passage from *King Lear* in class when you return from break.
- You are going to write an essay in response to one of two works that you read this week.

*composition 1.* Thoreau says in his essay on solitude that "society is cheap." In response to this work, write a musings or narrative essay on what it means to you to be in company. Do you enjoy being around a lot of people? What feelings do you have when you are? Are you an introvert or extrovert? Use some of the elements of essay writing that we have talked about, such as taking a deeper, philosophic look at your subject; specifically for this assignment, you might want to reflect on the reason for awkwardness in being around a lot of people or the reason why some people are "social butterflies." The essay will be due the second week of February.

*composition 2.* Eliot Gregory declares confidently that America's national failing is *slouch*. Write a narrative or musings essay on what you think America's national failing is, imitating the same tone as Gregory.

- Work on your play.

### Long-Term Assignment

- You will be writing another musings or narrative essay due **the second week of February**
- You will be completing a work based on the passage you have chosen from *King Lear*—poetry, painting, weaving, etc., due **the second Friday in April**.

