

Vice and Virtue

Assignment 14

- Memorize one stanza of Robert Frost's poem "The Pasture."
- Complete Lesson 14 with the accompanying reading. The selections in this lesson include "I Can't Do It" by T. S. Arthur and a legendary-historical anecdote "Bruce and the Spider." You will also be going over the virtue of confidence. An imaginary rendering of Robert Bruce is pictured on the right.
- Now that you have chosen your topic for your persuasive composition, write a four-point outline which will include a main idea and three topic sentences. (An example for each is given for each, but you will have to provide three reasons, not one.)



- 1) *a main idea statement*. Example: There are several important reasons why spending time with family and friends is far better than staying indoors alone playing a video game.
- 2) *reason 1*. Example: One reason is that social interaction is necessary for building healthy relationships that not only are fun, but also can help us in many other ways.
- 3) *reason 2*. Another reason is that . . .
- 4) *reason 3*. A final reason is that . . .

Long Range Assignments

- The persuasive essay will be due **the second week of January**. The five-paragraph essay should be formatted this way:

Paragraph 1 Give the necessary background information to your topic and end with a *main idea statement*.

Paragraph 2 Your paragraph should begin with a topic sentence, which will be your first *reason* to support your main idea. Then you should explain your reason, and if appropriate, and example.

Paragraph 3 Your paragraph should begin with a topic sentence, which will be your first *reason* to support your main idea. Then you should explain your reason, and if appropriate, and example.

Paragraph 4 Your paragraph should begin with a topic sentence, which will be your first *reason* to support your main idea. Then you should explain your reason, and if appropriate, and example.

Paragraph 5 Your conclusion should talk about the importance of what you have just discussed.