

Drama, Writing and Speech Assignment 19

- *reading.* Speeches by Douglass MacArthur (pictured on right) and Russell Conwell; Fictional Speeches by William Shakespeare.
- *essay.* You will be writing a musings or narrative essay due this coming Friday.

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.

Long-Term Assignment

- *passage.* Continue to review the passage that you memorized from *King Lear*.
- *King Lear project.* 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**.
- *argument.* You will be writing an argument essay, due the last week of February. We will begin it in class next week by discussing the various topics.

