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Greetings, Wise Fools—

Here's how we'll roll today:

1. WEDGE—While we're reading narratives, it makes good sense to practice crafting little narratives of our own. The Brookhart/Leo clan spent yesterday visiting the lovely Nile delta garden town of Qanatar and enjoyed many adventures there. What did YOU do yesterday?

For roughly ten minutes, describe a single event that took place yesterday. As you draft, try to provide specific details, including exposition and the rich multisensory imagery that might allow an audience of strangers to experience the event vicariously.

2. Small Group Work—We will quickly break the class into smaller work groups. Each group will review the Speedwrites due today. Once each team has determined the best Speedwrite produced by a member of the group, the team will prepare to explain to the whole class why that Speedwrite is the most highly esteemed and produce a visual aid to support its claim.

3. Read Actively—

A. Read “Looking for a Rain God,” a short story by Bessie Head. As you read, make digital notes on all the important elements of the short story, with special emphasis on the motivations of the characters. Your active reading MUST include a theme statement that should appear on the final page of the short story.

B. Upload your active reading of the short story to Turnitin.com.

N.B. This short story text is posted to our Moodle page as a MSWord document. You will perform your active reading duties digitally. When it is time to upload your work to Turnitin.com, you are responsible for ensuring that your annotations can be seen. If you work in another word processor, including GoogleDocs, your best bet is *probably* to save/download/export your work as a pdf file before uploading it to Turnitin.com.

You MUST use the Preview option at Turnitin.com to ensure that all of your Comments and Annotations can be viewed.

C. Read the biography of Bessie Head included in your digital handout.

Tappa! Tappa! Tappa!—

Mr Leo

Homework:

Prior to the start of our next class meeting, complete any work that you did not finish during class.