

## A Novel Idea

Just for the fun of it, we are going to write a novel as a class... or with as many people that want to participate. This assignment is not mandatory, but if you want to participate it will be worth an extra credit 100% for a **test grade**.

This novel will have a different speaker each chapter. Each speaker will be a freshman on the first day of high school. If you participate, *you will write one of the chapters in the novel from the point of view of the character you make up*. The purpose of this book will be to show how everyone has a different story, and there may be more to people than meets the eye. When it's all said and done, the characters from all of the chapters will end up in the same classroom, and the last chapter will be from the teacher's point of view to tie all of the stories together. (If you think of movies like *Valentines Day*, *Love Actually*, and *New Years Eve* where there are lots of separate characters throughout the story, and then the storylines will tie together in the end, it will be sort of like that.)

Here are the requirements:

- Your character must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- You must write in the first person (I, my, me)
- The characters live in this world (no magic, superpowers, etc.)
- Try your best to give an honest look at life. What do you wish people would realize about high school?
- You can show as much or as little as you want from their first day of high school, just have their 7<sup>th</sup> period class be English.
- You must email your finished chapter to Mrs. Vondra by **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

When the novel is all edited and put together, we will actually be getting this published. You can buy a copy for about \$5.

*"I was a tree in a story about a forest... [And] the story of the forest is better than the story of the tree."*

*-Donald Miller*