*The Red Badge of Courage* Final

The final assignment you will be asked to write an essay. Through our reading of the book we have been able to gain insight into what being a participant of the civil war was like. The book highlights the physical and emotional toll war takes on an individual, especially a young person like Henry Fleming.

Task: Compose an essay comparing and contrasting courage and heroism versus cowardice and self-preservation in *The Red Badge of Courage.* Focus your analysis on specific textual examples and how these examples are portrayed in the novel.

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Title and author

Thesis statement

Paragraph 2: Cowardice and Self-preservation

Traits of cowardice and self-preservation

Specific examples of cowardice and self-preservation from the text

How does this affect the characters?

Paragraph 3: Courage and Heroism

Traits of courage and heroism

Specific examples of courage and heroism from the text

How does this affect the characters?

Paragraph 4: Compare and Contrast

Compare and contrast how these traits are represented in the novel.

Analyze why Stephen Crane showcases these traits in this manner in *The Red Badge of Courage.*

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Restate the thesis

What does this all mean?

**Rough draft due Friday December 1st**

**Final draft due Tuesday December 5th for 1st hour**

**Final draft due Wednesday December 6th for 3rd Hour**

**Due on December 5th/6th: outline, rough draft, peer edit, and final draft.**