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English I: Week 2/2 - 2/6

**Essential Questions:**

* **Unit EQ:** 
  + What makes a hero? What makes a villain? Who decides?
  + How should the media treat its “villains”?
  + How can we really see beyond the stereotypes and bias we have against people?

**Goals for the Week:**

1. Create a research binder
2. Conduct your initial research:
3. Create initial idea of portrait

**Skills Learned:**

1. Identify prepositions and prepositional phrases

**Schedule and Homework for the Week:**

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| **Day** | **In Class Work** | **Homework** |
| **Monday 2/2** | * No School |  |
| **Tuesday 2/3:** | * Warm Up: Prepositions * Review project handout * Create your research binder * Conduct initial research | * Complete “Stereotypes and/or Bias” located in packet (due Wednesday) |
| **Wednesday 2/4:** | * Warm Up: Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases * Continue background information on your hero/villain | * Read and annotate two articles on your hero/villain (due Thursday) |
| **Thursday 2/5:** | * Warm Up: Prepositional Phrases * Art Lesson--attempt to create your own lenticular |  |
| **Friday 2/6** | * Quiz: Identify prepositional phrases, adjectives, subjects and verbs | * Complete Background Information (due Monday) |

Score: \_\_\_\_/10 **Stereotypes and/or Bias**

*Directions: Conduct some surface level investigations on this person. Print out and read Wikipedia and a one news article on your hero/villain. Then, answer the following questions. Please put this paper in your binder in the tab, “First Impressions.”*

1. **What is that first impression that people might think when they see your hero/villain? (2 points)** EX: When people first see Jahar Tsarnaev, a number of names probably come to mind: villain, murderer, Islamic extremist, psychopath, disgruntled immigrant.

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1. **What images come to mind when you think of that first impression? (2 points)**

EX: Some images that come to my mind are images of bombs going off and sinister smiles, the kind you see in movies like *Silence of the Lambs* or *Hannibal.* I also see blood. When I think of the term, “Islamic Extremist,” I think of machine guns and damaged men caught up in fighting for a cause with no foreseeable ending. I see desert landscapes and hear Arabic spoken. When I think of murderer, I think of small innocent faces staring out from photographs. I think of faces that will never grow older than the last photograph that captured them. When I think of the term, “villain,” I think of really ugly demons with horns and ghoulish faces. I think of people wearing creepy Jigsaw masks or Halloween masks.

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1. **Why might people have this impression? (2 points)**

EX: People might have this impression because Tsarnaev is the surviving suspect of the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing. In the attack, 3 people were killed and 264 were injured. Janet Reitman, author of the *Rolling Stones* article “Jahar’s World,” describes the attack as “a scene of unbelievable carnage that conjured up images of Baghdad, Kabul or Tel Aviv” (Reitman 2013). Only a monster could purposefully harm innocent people in this way.

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1. What initial questions do you have? Write a list of at least 10 below. (4 points)

EXAMPLES:

1. What was Jahar referring to when he wrote, “the U.S. government is killing our innocent civilians”?
2. What was life in Chechnya like? What does the discrimination against Muslims look like there?
3. How do other countries see terrorist attacks like these? Are there people who think they are ever justified? What could possibly be their reasoning?
4. Who are the victims of this attack? Why would he choose the marathon rather than a government building or a military base, which would have signaled an act of war rather than terror?

Janet Reitman paints this picture of a man who discovered that he couldn’t attain the “American Dream,” and therefore sought refuge in extremism. How many immigrants feel this way? Is the American Dream of upward mobility dead? What stereotypes do Middle Eastern immigrants face when they move to the U.S.?

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**Background Information**

Birth Place:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write down five significant pieces of background information on this person. Write the sources in which you found the information.

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| **Background Information** | **Source of Information** (ex: “Jahar’s World” by Janet Reitman”) |
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Answer five of the questions you posed in the previous section.

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| **Question** | **Answer** | **Source of Info.** |
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