Literary Tweets Assignment

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ANNOTATIONS

1. April 13 - Teen cutting - Our job, get them to the counselor ASAP. Here is helpful information [http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/help\_cutting.html …](http://t.co/tkYipiB71M) [http://www.ehow.com/how\_7933477\_teens-cut-themselves.html …](http://t.co/6ZKixD1HsV). [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*Self-harm among teens is alarmingly present in our classrooms. This year I had a student that was starving herself, and one male that would burn his arm by rubbing an eraser on it until the skin broke. The sites I offered give information for parents, teens, and educators.*

1. April 10 - Chaos + secrecy surround Danny's life. Self-mutilation is his outlet, and yet, HOPE looms. Family--destruction, if you allow it. [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*The last part of this tweet is what I really wanted to focus on. Family secrets can lead to destruction. This can only take place if the individual chooses to allow the secret(s)to have that effect.*

1. March 28 - The Human Trafficking Project - Trying to make a difference. [http://www.traffickingproject.org/2008/05/teen-sex-slavery-in-us.html …](http://t.co/MwwDECFjk2) [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*Sold was a powerful novel, and I wanted to find information on organizations helping to rescue women and educate the public on human trafficking.*

1. March 24 - Danny/self-mutilation. Teenager in pain, feeling helpless, wanting control. Know anyone like this? [http://teens.webmd.com/cutting-self-injury …](http://t.co/pEKx5e5nus) [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*This is another site that provides information regarding teens and self-mutilation.*

1. March 24 - ADHD. Sr. asks, "Who benefits more, the doctors or the children?" Is it possible that some parents benefit as well? [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*In Mexican Whiteboy, Senior makes the above statement. I have asked myself that question as well, in addition to the question of parents benefiting. I know there are many students who are accurately diagnosed as ADHD, and I am also aware of parents who have pushed to have their child diagnosed as ADHD because they can’t control him or her, and possibly because of the financial benefits. This is based on my observation and experience with some of my ADHD students.*

1. Feb. 26 - Entering the mind of James Baldwin. Engaging quotes... [http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/10427.James\_Baldwin …](http://t.co/q9OrlKzE8p) [#ENG7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENG7711&src=hash)

*After reading, “Stranger in the Village…”I wanted to look at some of Baldwin’s other writing and chose to share this site with thought provoking and inspirational quotes written by him.*

1. Feb. 26 - African Americans are still trying to "dissemble rage". Subtle acts of racism make it difficult. Video on Baldwin [http://biography.com/people/james-baldwin-9196635 …](http://t.co/l5ZXvvvF48) [#ENG7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENG7711&src=hash)

*This video will pique your interest and understanding into the mind of James Baldwin.*

1. Feb. 25 - O. Davis says, "...thinking itself is sub-vocal speech." Proverbs 23 v. 7 says, "As a man thinks within himself, so he is." [#ENG7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENG7711&src=hash)

*When I read the original quote in the text, I immediately thought of the scripture I referenced. Part of my philosophy in life is whatever you say you can be, you will be, if you are willing to do the work.*

1. Feb. 23 - HeLa- Exploitation and Deception! Justice has fled like a child running from a whoopin'. Absorbing this text is difficult. [#ENGL7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENGL7711&src=hash)

*My brief comment regarding Henrietta Lacks was all I could get out of me because of the anger I felt while reading it. The words I really wanted to use would have been inappropriate.*

1. Feb. 14 - Often survival is about being in the right place, at the right time, plus a little compassion. Check out [http://rescue.org/blog/refugee-journeys-thong-nguyen-vietnam-1975 …](http://t.co/mdySigTJ) [#ENG7711](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ENG7711&src=hash)

*I learned a lot from listening to O’Reilly share her family’s transition from Vietnam to the US. The attached website is the story of another refugee that I felt added value to the subject we were discussing.*

REFLECTION

Tweeting is not a form of communication that I use on a regular basis. The main drawback for me is the limited amount of text that you can use. I have a tendency to be wordy, and 140 characters rarely allow me to get the exact point across that I am trying to make. I am also not fond of the fact that conversation and dialogue has been abbreviated even further when you compare tweeting to texting, and both to the rare telephone conversation. I do believe that somewhere we are losing essential communications skills, particularly with the youth of today. As a result, I have only used Tweeting for assignments in KSU.

If I were in a high school, there would be more opportunities to use tweeting to communicate with students. I often hear my colleagues talk about the different technology tools they use in their rooms, and part of me is jealous. We have not adopted the BYOD because the school is afraid of students’ possessions getting stolen, and the school being sued for reimbursement. As a result, although all of the students have cell phones, and most have computers at home, teachers do not tweet with students. However, recently we began using Edmodo, a similar Cobb County approved device, but even with that, we have to get parental disclaimers so that if a student posts something inappropriate, we are covered legally.

I do see the value add of knowing how to use Twitter and being able to follow certain people in the professional arena. I am not convinced that it was an effective tool for this class because of the limited amount of space you had for text. I always worried if the point I wanted to make would be fully received by my follower. Overall, its benefits outweigh the drawbacks because of the hash tag feature and the way you can add value via links to beneficial sites.