



EPITAPHS & *Aphorisms*

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Choose 1 of the following assignments to complete for class on Friday, 11/1.

Aphorism Assignment: The colonists found advice in the aphorisms of the Almanack, while today we read advice columns in the newspaper. Go to the homepage of the Chicago Tribune (www.chicagotribune.com) and type the words “Dear Abby” or “Ask Amy” into the search box. Select one of the letters written to the newspaper columnist and compose an APHORISM that sums up your advice to the letter writer. Do not use a cliché, and make sure the aphorism is original. Print out a copy of the letter and staple it to the back of your aphorism. Remember that aphorisms contain some truth about life and depend on crisp language.

Please **TYPE** the assignment; use a big enough font that the aphorism takes up the entire page. Then, decorate your page. Due Friday 11/1. Point Value = 15 Points (10 Accuracy/Aphorism; 5 Creative)

Epitaph Assignment: Write an EPITAPH on some well-known person, using an appropriate simile to suggest the essential nature of that person’s life. Your epitaph must be at least 8 lines long. You might begin: “Here lies _____, like ...” Make sure your simile is well developed in the epitaph.

Please **TYPE** the assignment; use a big enough font that the epitaph takes up the entire page. Then, decorate your page. Due Friday 11/1. Point Value = 15 Points (10 Accuracy/5 Creative)