

English IV - Outdoor Literature
Ski Trip Assignment - 2/24/17

FOR YOUR JOURNAL

At some point before our Hot Cocoa Meetup, take 5-10 minutes to stop someplace on the mountain and write this assignment in your journal.

Read these quotes:

"I perceive that we inhabitants of New England live this mean life that we do because our vision does not penetrate the surface of things. We think that this *is* which appears to be." - Thoreau, pg. 77, *Walden*

"We learned to use new tools and we took care of what we had with us. We lived simple.' And if they are perceptive, they will say, 'You don't need the mountains to do that.'" - Morgan Hite, pg. 2, *Briefing for Entry Into A More Harsh Environment*

"A sense of place must include, at the very least, knowledge of what is inviolate about the relationship between people and the place they occupy, and certainly, too, how destruction of this relationship, or the failure to attend to it, wounds people." - Lopez, pg. 2. *Excerpt From The Rediscovery of America*

"The hunger for wealth, which reduces the planet to a garden, fools the eager pursuer. What is the end sought?" - Emerson, pg. 294, *Nature*

Assignment: 2 paragraphs - Write about the environment you are in right now. Describe it in sensory detail (the 5 senses) - *Para 1*. Then reflect on the concept of "wild". Are you in the "wild"? Is this setting "Wild"? What does "wild" Nature mean to you? - *Para 2*