**English IV Level 1**  
**2nd Quarter Final Summative Assessment**

**Objective**: Write a Lens and Artifact Essay in which you discuss *two* works of literature you have read from the particular perspective of the statement that is provided for you in the Critical Lens. In your essay, provide a valid interpretation of the statement, agree *or* disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it, and support your opinion using specific references to appropriate literary elements from the two works.

**Lens:**

“Like all good works of fiction, it lies like the truth.”  
-Robert Crossly

OR

“Fiction is the lie that tells the truth, after all.”  
-Neil Gaiman

**Artifacts:**

*Kindred* (novel) by Octavia Butler

AND

*12 Years a Slave* (film) directed by Steve McQueen

**Expectations:**

* MLA format (check Purdue’s OWL website if you are unclear)
* 750-1250 words (roughly 3 to 5 pages – add word count at end of essay)
* Works Cited Page (not included in word count)
* Minimal grammatical and mechanical errors

**Guidelines:**

You may also use the articles that we read in class and\or are published in the back of the novel to inform your own essay. Both of these essays discuss how the authors used fictional writing to enhance the intention behind their writing. *Please note, you must cite these works in your Works Cited Page too.*

* Nathan Berlantsky discusses Steve McQueen’s use of fiction in taking liberties with Solomon Northrup’s memoir of his experiences as a captured and then enslaved man.
* Robert Crossley discusses Octavia Butler’s use of fiction for her purpose of illuminating the effects of enslavement in the American South.

**Due Date:** uploaded to Turnitin.com by 11:59PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (I will accept these essays up until *the end of the school day (11:45AM)* on Friday, January 24th.