**Senior Creative Writing – First 3 assignments**

**Due Friday 8/30**: Read the enclosed Letter from the Instructor, and write your reply using the

prompts at the end. Your letter should be 1-3 pages, double-spaced, and shared electronically no later than the start of class.

**Due on individually assigned day in Sept/Oct**: Summer Read Book Talk

Your summer reading assignment was to read *On Writing* and another book of your

choice. Prepare a 2-3 minute informal presentation that includes the following:

1. Your Name
2. Tell us an anecdote from your summer about something that surprised you. Try to include some setting details, evident conflict, and people who talk.
3. Title and Author of your *elected* book
4. Most memorable scene or moment from *either* book you read (don’t repeat what someone else has said if using the same book, and only give what context is needed)
5. What was the most useful lesson about *how to write* from *either* book? In the case of *On Writing*, this might be explicit instruction, but for either book it could also be something *modeled* for you—an aspect of the craft you admire, something the writer is showing you how to do, giving you permission to try, or inspiring you to *figure out* how to do yourself even if it looks difficult.

The enclosed Story Elements handout should be a handy reference

throughout this course, and it may give you some helpful vocabulary for the present task.

You will not be giving this presentation for days or weeks, but I expect it will take only

an hour or two to prepare. Circle your assigned date below.

**Wed 9/4—Mr. B. Thurs 9/5 Tues 9/10 Fri 9/13**

**Mon 9/16 Thurs 9/19 Tues 9/24 Wed 9/25**

**Tues 10/1 Fri 10/4 Mon 10/7 Tues 10/8**

**Tues 10/15 Fri 10/18**

**Due Friday 9/6**: We’ll have 2 poems to write for this day. The topics/assignments will be

democratically nominated and voted upon next class; so if you have a topic or prompt you’d like to try, then be sure to bring it to our attention. Much more info on our study of poem-writing will come next class.