**Film and Literature**

***The Shawshank Redemption* Blog Post Assignment**

“There are dark shadows on the earth, but its lights are stronger in the contrast.”

* Charles Dickens

Now that we have completed our viewing of the film *The Shawshank Redemption*, we will work as a class to collaborate and uncover the similarities and the differences between the film and Stephen King's short story, *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption*.

Write a well-developed paragraph to include the following elements:

I. In complete sentences identify the **theme** or **central message** expressed by the film. Is this theme also present in the short story? Or did the film skew the central message?

II. Consider the **film's literary elements**: narrative, point of view, character development, symbols, use of imagery, tone, setting, irony, conflict, climax, etc. Based on these principles, identify **one specific similarity** between the short story and the film. Discuss how this concept contributes to the story's central message.

II. Consider the **film's literary elements** once more. Based on these principles identify two elements from the short story that are not present in the film or two elements from the film not present in the short story. What is the effect of the missing elements or additional elements in the story? Show how these elements help to develop the central message in the film.

IV. Bonus material: Provide an **image or video.** You should include a visual aid with your post to entice your viewers and earn their interest.

**Due Date:**

**Friday, October 17, 2014.**