**Heroic Code**

This year we have discussed at great length how our characters strive for immortality because they recognize the inevitability of death. Our characters strive for immortality through their glory, through their stories, and through their accomplishments but the reality of mortality looms overhead. Some of the Dutch painters have captured this in the still-lifes we looked at in class.

You are going to become a Dutch master and create your own *Vanitas* picture. Your still life must have at minimum (feel free to be creative and add more images of other important things in your life):

* Two (2) symbols/images of mortality
* One symbol/image of your kleos
* One symbol/image of your comfort
* One symbol/image of your happiness

After you choose your images/items, assemble a still life and take a picture of it. Then write a paper explaining the meaning of your picture (it should be about vanitas) and how the details communicate this meaning.

Be creative in the images you choose. Generally your first idea is the worst and too obvious; so, throw away your first idea and come up with something better.

Your paper must be in MLA format, using proper grammar, headers, margins, and correct spelling. You will write between 2-3 pages (this means you write about 2.5 pages). Your first paragraph ought to be about *vanitas* and the interest in immortality with your following paragraphs highlighting and discussing the other images and how they contribute to your effort to gain immortality.

Due: November 4/5