**Homework Creed**

After many years of experience, and reading research on the topic, Mr. Foster has developed a doctrine that he believes in when it comes to homework. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following ideas?

* I believe that students should **read** every day for at least 30 minutes (any type of media) and discuss, debate, question, with family members what they have read.
* I believe that students should have at least one hour of time to **unwind** or do whatever (legal and appropriate activity) they choose.
* I believe that students should actively participate in some sort of **family ritual** every day (including preparing dinner, attending extracurricular events, helping with chores, caring for animals, etc.).
* I believe that students should get a minimum of 8 hours of **sleep** a night.

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**Year Long “Homework”**

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| Watch the news: CNN, Fox, MSNBC | Tell someone how much they mean to you in person. | Do house chores without being asked. | Dream about your future and decide what you need to do to get there. | Read a book for pleasure by an author you have not heard of. |
| Sort out what you don’t need and give it to charity. | Speak out when you see something you don’t think is right. | Walk/bike-ride a journey that you would usually take by car. | Write to a legislator about an issue that you think is important. | Lie on the grass and stare at the clouds. |
| Watch a black and white film. | Learn a poem by heart. | Write a list of things that you would like to accomplish by graduation. | Cook a meal for someone to make them happy. | Hand write a letter to someone special and mail it to them. |
| Avoid all internet/social media for a whole day..or 3. | Make a list of all the positive things you can be thankful for. | Puck up someone else’s litter. | Grow something you can eat. Eat it. | Try a food that is challenging to pronounce. |
| Learn to play or sing a song by memory. | Skip stones on a majestic body of water. | Talk to an older relative about your family’s history. | Make it clear to a teacher that you learned what he/she taught. | Volunteer. |

**While I do care very much about your proficiency in reading and writing, I also care about your soul. If, one evening, you ever choose to do all of the tiger paw bulleted items or an item from the boxes above IN PLACE OF a “practice” assignment for my class, please do so, then come tell me about it before class. Your employability score will not be negatively affected by doing all tiger paws instead of practice for this class.**