**008 Class Notes ENGL 1323 After Study Week, February 24, 2025**

1. **Introductions:**

Welcome back! How was your Break?

I hope you “enjoyed” the taste of good old Canadian weather.

Any News?

1. **Returning Essay One**

This is in progress, and you will receive your graded Essay One back, soon. I’m very pleased with them.

1. **Final Project Proposals:**

Thank you, they look great!

There have been some duplicate submissions so I will contact the person with the second submission to ask them to change the idea.

No longer available:

David Suzuki

Clara Hughes

Margaret Atwood

Stephen Leacock

Geoffrey Hinton

1. **Essay Two – The Movie**

* We will watch the movie with both sections of ENGL 1323, and I hope you enjoy.
* It is not a new movie, but it is fun, and students have always told me that they enjoy it. I hope you do, too.
* It has some Canadian content based on the Winter Olympics held in Calgary, Alberta, in February 1988. The movie, itself, is from 1993. So, a significant portion of the setting takes place in Canada (and in February!)
* One of the main actors is John Candy, a beloved Canadian comedic actor. Interestingly, his role in this movie is not particularly comedic (though there is much comedy in the movie) and his role is of an American (but we know that he was Canadian). Very unfortunately, he died the next year but he is still admired and beloved by Canadians and colleagues: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001006/>
* Some of the story is based on a true event.
* There was indeed a Jamaican Bobsled team, which entered the Olympics and world consciousness in 1988. The main event depicted is also mainly true. Some elements of the story have been adjusted, so a part of your task would be to determine how much of the story is based on the true event, and how much is “creative license”. As of 2022, there was still a Jamaican Bobsled Team. (note: it is sometimes called a bobsleigh).
* Relax and enjoy!

1. **The Assignment – Essay Two:**

A handout explaining the movie and assignment is posted.

We will review it and after watching the movie, you may proceed with your response.

I hope you can relax and enjoy both the movie and your essay response.

1. **Homework:**

* Start Essay Two so that you can bring the first part to the next class.
* Final Project Proposal
* Journal for the Week of February 23

And have some fun!

