WR 121 Group Exercise

Dillard “An American Childhood”

1. How does Dillard use sensory details to shape her narrative? How do they affect you as a reader?
2. How does Dillard’s experience with football and the “furious red haired man” become a symbol of something more meaningful?
3. What does Dillard tell readers about herself through her writing voice?
4. Are the themes in Dillard’s narrative relatable to a broad audience? Explain why or why not.