Essay Assignment/Test Due Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lit. Comp. 1

Mr. Berthiaume

Respond to **ONE** of the following prompts in a well-organized essay. Your response should answer the prompt completely and use specific examples from each text for support. The finished essay should be at least 1 ½ pages typed—double spaced, 10-12 point font (preferably New Times Roman, Palatino, Garamond, Arial or another very readable font). The response should be a 5 paragraph essay (at least), include a good introduction with a thesis statement, at least 3 body paragraphs, and a well-written conclusion.

**I. Honors**—Discuss a theme that Richard Wright portrays in Rite of Passage, and “The Man Who Was Almost a Man.” You may also use the excerpt from Black Boy called “Hunger” for additional support. You are highly encouraged to use some discussion of the three types of rites of passage that we explored in the beginning of this unit—separation, transition, incorporation (doing this will improve your score in the diction category—see rubric).

**IV. CPA/CP**—Discuss a theme in one or two of Richard Wright’s writings (note the spelling differences, please!). Explain how this theme is an essential component in one or more of these Richard Wright stories: Rite of Passage, “The Man Who Was Almost a Man,” and “Hunger.”

**\*\*\*\*\*\***Your essay must include at least one direct quotation in each body paragraph. If you do not know how to do in-text quotations (citations) in the MLA style, you will learn how to do this in the next week.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*You are highly encouraged to use your theme poster. You have done a great deal of pre-writing work on these.

This essay counts for 100 pts. of your Richard Wright unit test grade.