

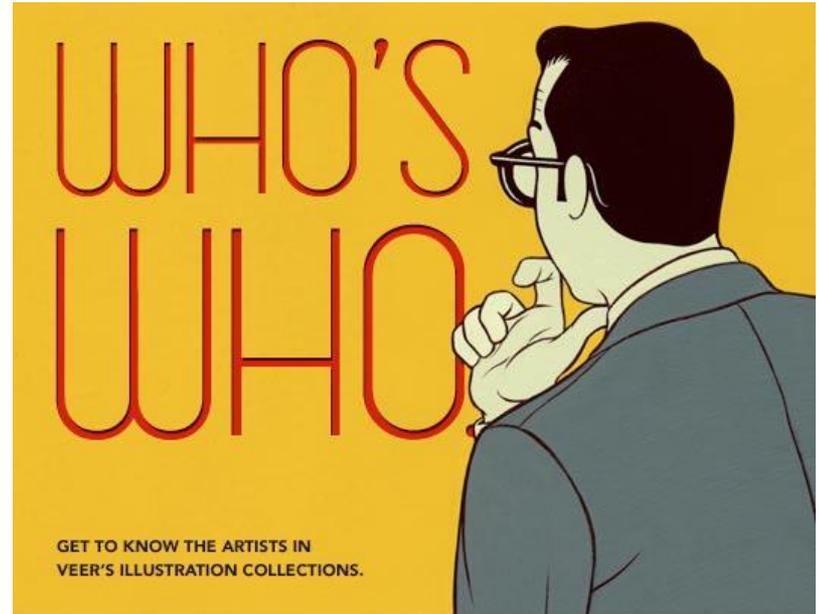
Welcome

Back to
School!



Who's Who???

Each color meaning:



Red: Best summer experience

Yellow: Favorite book/favorite author

Orange: Type of shampoo

Pink: # of siblings in your family

English Extravaganza

- Classroom rules; let's work together
- Course expectations; setting the bar high!



Write It Out!

Write me a letter about what YOU think I should know about CWNC, about yourself. Tell me about YOU think that English class should be for this year and what expectations you have for our English class. Start your letter like this:

Dear Miss Skirtich,

9/2/14

Tired Tuesday!

Take out your notebook or a blank piece of paper and respond to the following prompt:



“Just because you are in the driver’s seat doesn’t mean that you have to run over people.”

What does this quotation from *The Last Lecture* mean? What does it mean to you? Give a few examples from your own life where this quote applies.

Partner Up!



With a partner, **close read** chapter 5 from *The Last Lecture* about Randy's childhood bedroom. Identify 4 different things that make the things in his room meaningful to him. Write out a response citing textual evidence from the chapter. Include why he "won the parent lottery" (p. 21) and justify his claim.

Be ready to share your response with the class.



Paint Your Own Bedroom Walls!

Reflecting on Randy's bedroom walls, think about what you would paint on your bedroom walls given the opportunity. What would you include? Pictures? Lyrics?

Mementos? Specific colors?

Choose **5 different items** and explain their significance to you.

At least one whole page in length!

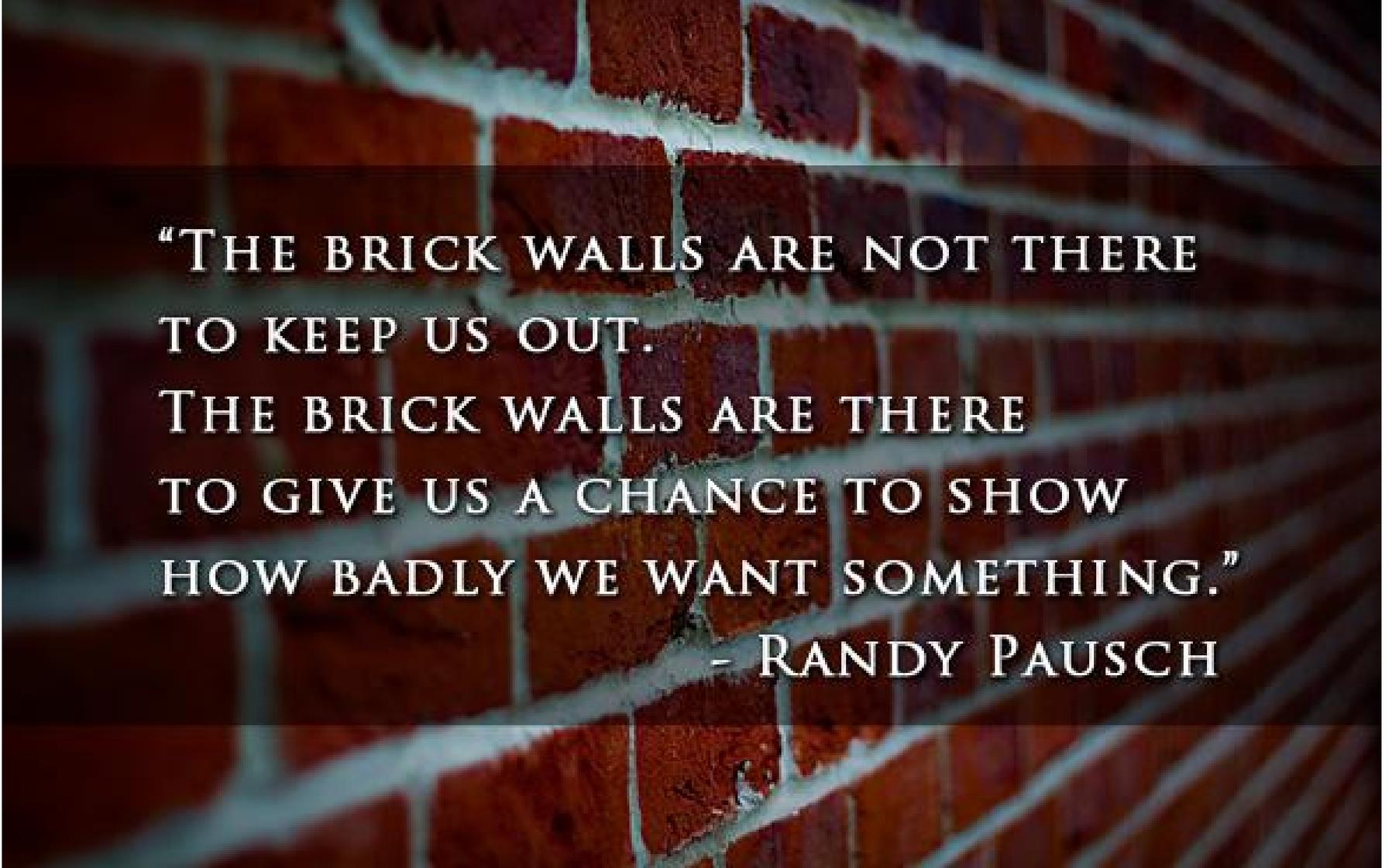


Yippee Skippy!

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It's Thursday,
which means
tomorrow
is Friday :)



Take out your notebook or a blank piece of paper and reflect on the following quote from *The Last Lecture*:



"THE BRICK WALLS ARE NOT THERE
TO KEEP US OUT.
THE BRICK WALLS ARE THERE
TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO SHOW
HOW BADLY WE WANT SOMETHING."
- RANDY PAUSCH

Not All Fairy Tales End Smoothly

In chapters 18, 19, and 20 Randy reminds readers that even wonderful life events are fraught with unexpected dangers.

What did you learn from the way Randy and Jai handled the problems before them in these chapters?



For Homework:

Write a one page reflection on this quote and include Randy's thoughts as well as your own. **Cite** from *The Last Lecture* in your writing. Be specific and detailed.

