**PLAN FOR Monday, November 16, 2015**

Dear Students,

I am sorry for my absence. Here is what I hope you accomplish today:

* In small groups of no more than THREE (3), **read, discuss and annotate the first three poems in the large AP poetry packet** I handed out a few weeks ago. (There might be extra copies of the first three poems, or read with a classmate if necessary. The poems are also available on the “Homework” page of my website, Mrbah.weebly.com .)
  + The poems for this assignment are:
    - “Poem XIV” by Derek Walcott
    - “The Black Walnut Tree” by Mary Oliver
    - An Echo Sonnet / To an Empty Page” by Robert Pack
* You may want to refer to the poetry notes we used before, also on my website.
* Do a more thorough analysis than the prompt may call for, but also **consider how you might have handled this prompt** if it had been assigned to you as an essay. I will not be collecting an essay, but I will collect your annotations and notes. Turn them in as soon as you can, if not today, finish them for homework. (Try to do two in class, and one at home.)
* **For each poem, please write a thesis statement that also accounts for the theme of each poem.** This may be in your annotations, but mark it somehow—draw a box around your thesis/statement about theme or highlight it.
* I hope you do share ideas and assist each other in understanding the poems, but **each student is responsible for making their own annotations and notes, and turning in the annotations under individual names**.

Best wishes,  
Mr. Bah