AP Literature

Mrs. Hollingsworth

**Outside Reading**

***The Road***

On your outside reading due date be prepared to discuss the following ideas and themes from Cormac McCarthy’s *The Road*.

* Nature vs industrial
* Father/son dynamic (allusions? Implications?)
* Symbolism of the pistol and the map
* Use of form (lack of punctuation specifically)
* Belief: does it destroy us? Save us? Keep us going? Is it useless or helpful?
* What is life? Are we living if we are only surviving?
* Hell imagery-cold and hot
* “If only my heart were made of stone.”