

WTL Homework Week 24

- 1) Read **all** of the three (3) articles I've posted on the website.
- 2) Answer the "Analyzing Article" questions for two (2) of the articles.
- 3) Poetry: If you could keep only one memory from your entire life, what would it be? Write at least eight sentences using vivid descriptions, varying your sentence length and beginnings. Have fun with this. Below is my example for you.
- 4) Start reading *The Scarlet Pimpernel* chapters 1-16. I will post the questions. This is not due until Week 26, however the book is more challenging. You might benefit from listening to this book.
- 5) Vocabulary:
 - Amnesty—pardon for past offense
 - Dour—gloomy, stern
 - Explicit—to make plain or clear
 - Opulent—wealthy, lavish

If there were only one memory I could hold onto, it would be of Sunday evenings.

My husband, children, and I are sitting in front of the fireplace on mismatched beach towels, holding mugs of hot chocolate. We scoop popcorn from a large, metal mixing bowl into our small, plastic Disney bowls, sitting back to listen as my husband reads aloud. The fire crackles, popcorn crunches between our teeth, and my husband's resonant voice holds our attention as it brings each character to life.

No one stirs, except to sip hot chocolate or move popcorn to his or her mouth. One or two children lean against me, feeling confident in my deep love for them. Maybe I sigh. Certainly I'm aware that this is a sacred moment in our family's life. A beautiful picture of what I want from life. Yet, there's a bitter sweetness in knowing that this moment won't last. The fire will burn low, the story will come to an end, mugs and bowls will sit empty in the sink, and the clock will announce bedtime.

And, not long into the future, my children will grow up, one by one, and come home...each of them to a different house.