THE COLLEGE MENTORING PROJECT
Bonner Center for Civic Engagement
University of Richmond

Assignment #1: THE STORIES WE TELL

PART 1: DUE IN CLASS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

READING:
Read both of the selections listed below before our class.

- **Short Story:** William Carlos Williams, “The Use of Force” (This is a very short story; you should read it several times before doing your writing assignment.)

- **Essay:** Mike Rose, “The Politics of Remediation” [This is a fairly long essay by a professor who used to run a tutoring center at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). Don’t worry about capturing all the details. Focus on the story Mike Rose is telling about UCLA and about the students he met there.]

WRITING:
Please TYPE a response to each of these questions. Bring a printed copy of both of your responses with you to class. Each of your responses should be no more than two double-spaced pages.

1. Do you think the doctor in “The Use of Force” is right to do what he does to his young patient? Why or why not? Use at least one quote from the story as evidence and explain how this quote supports your position. Please note that you are not being asked to summarize the story. Instead, focus on explaining what you think and why.

2. Does Mike Rose’s description of college match your own ideas about what it will be like to attend college? How/how not? Again, use at least one quote from the essay as evidence and explain how this quote supports your response.

PART 2: There will be a second part of this assignment; this will be announced in class on October 24th. It will be due via email by 5 PM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Looking Ahead: Due dates for Assignment #2 (to be distributed on October 24th)
- Part 1 (Reading and Writing) will be due in class on November 21st
- Part 2 (Writing) will be due via e-mail by 5 PM on Saturday, December 12th.