**Self-Reflection:**

**Blog Entry Assignment**

Over the course of the past few months, you’ve done a lot of thinking about the transformation of Danny’s character. Now is your chance to think about yourself. This is your final assignment for *The Chosen* and it is the most important. Please give it due time and consideration. Using at least three paragraphs, *reflect* on our original essential questions:

1. What are my essential beliefs? What influences them?
2. How do I maintain my identity within a group?
3. How much do my beliefs, versus my community, influence who I am?
4. How do others identify me? How do I identify myself?

**Before you do this, look back at your journal entries from before starting the novel. Look at your identity charts, as well as your reflections at the time. Looking at them now, consider:**

* **Does your identity chart still reflect you accurately?**
* **Is there anything else you would like to add?**
* **How many of the items on your chart are chosen *for* you, versus *by* you?**
* **What role does your community play in this identity?**

These reflections are not essays and they need not prove a thesis. You **should** use 1st person. They are your own thoughts, plain and simple.

Reflections will be posted to a class blog, and you will have the opportunity to read each other’s reflections and comment on them. *Please note: due to the extremely personal nature of this assignment, your entry NEED NOT be posted publicly.*

**By Monday, March 10,** you should email your reflection to me. On the top of your reflection, please indicate which of these three options you want:

* Post it to the blog under my name
* Post it to the blog but remove my name
* Do not post it to the blog at all

**Grading:**

This is admittedly a very subjective assignment. I will be grading you on all the normal things: **grammar, punctuation, syntax** and **diction**. But, I will primarily be grading on how deeply you’re reflecting. For each of us, that looks different***. I do not have one expectation for the class. I DO have specific expectations for each of you, individually.***

If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

*-- Mindy*