The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
Writing Prompt

Directions: Select one of the following topics. Write a well constructed 500 word essay in which you use evidence from the text to support your idea. Be sure to follow the guidelines of the rubric (on back) as well as class essay guidelines (twelve point font, double spaced, typed, titled).

Rough draft/Peer editing session: ________________________________

Final drafts (please staple with final on top, rough, then this paper) due:___________________

Prompts (pick ONE):

a. Bruno and Shmuel are more alike than different. Suggest how their alikeness contributes to a major theme in the novel.

b. Discuss the way three characters support the following statement: The very best of humanity is possible even in the most trying of circumstances.

c. John Boyne involves the reader in BSP through feelings of pathos for the characters involved. Discuss this statement using three characters.

d. It is easier to be brave if you don’t know how dangerous a situation is. Discuss whether Bruno is a brave boy or a coward.

e. Discuss the way Boyne uses the child’s perspective in the novel to emphasize that all men are equal.

f. Boyne uses clothing to illustrate images that work to develop the reader’s emotional response to the novel. Discuss this with reference to three different outfits.