English 12 (ERWC) Summer Reading

Book:  *The Last Lecture*
Author:  Randy Pausch
Pages:  2,006

About the novel:
During Pausch’s speech, he reminisces about important and seemingly unimportant aspects of his life growing up and how each of these elements influenced the person he became. He ends the entire motivational speech with humor, tears, and lessons we should all take away. He didn’t write this last lecture for us, but for his kids.

Assignments:
1. Read the novel 😊
2. Watch Randy Pausch’s lecture on youtube (not in place of the novel, in addition to reading the novel)
3. Reading quiz the first week of school.
4. Prepare your own last lecture that you will present to class during the first few weeks of school. “What’s the Point?” Consider why we are reading the assigned text, what relevance does it have on your life, and what message is the author trying to send to us all? What’s the point of the “important and seemingly unimportant aspects of [your] life”? *Also, this assignment is designed to help you prepare for the personal statement you will soon write for college.*

Directions for presentation:
- Create a PowerPoint or Prezi or Short Film/Video
- Should be 5-8 minutes long
- Consider the following for your presentation:
  - Reflections on the past (significant event(s) that has/have helped shape the person you are today)
  - Influential people in your life (What did you learn from them?)
  - Your lasting legacy to West Campus (What will your friends remember about you? Teachers? Staff? Administration? Positive or negative legacy?)
  - Looking forward. (What do you want in the next year, five years, ten years? How will you reach your goals?)
  - MUST HAVE PERSONAL REFLECTION!
  - What is the lasting message you want the audience to have?