**Composition Assignment**

***Ordinary People* – Writing Dialogue**

**DIRECTIONS**: Use the brief “starter” below as the beginning of a dialogue that you write involving a conversation among Conrad, Cal and Beth.

* Include some narration but mostly quoted dialogue.
* Use punctuation correctly.
* In your dialogue, reflect what we know about the characters from our reading so far in *Ordinary People*. For example, Cal should be uptight about maintaining order and structure in his life.
* Be creative and realistic but make sure your dialogue is appropriate for school.
* End with something that brings the dialogue to a logical conclusion.
* Length: At least 2 pages, typewritten, double-spaced, Times New Roman.
* Due: Wednesday at the start of class (NOT emailed to me sometime before midnight on Wednesday!)

It was Wednesday and Con and his parents had arrived at Disneyworld the Monday before to celebrate Christmas away from home at Beth had desired. These two days had seemed like an eternity to Con, and he needed something exciting to happen. As they took the monorail past Lake Buena Vista, Con noticed a sign saying “Sailboat Rentals.”

“Hey! Did you see that sign? I want to do that,” Con blurted to his parents.

“Geez, Con, do you think you’re ready for that?” Cal was clearly against it for obvious reasons but didn’t want to seem overly directive to Conrad and upset him.

Beth said, “I think that’s a great idea, Con. While you’re sailing, you father and I can get in a round of golf.” She didn’t think she could handle another day in Epcot or the MGM Grand themepark. Besides, it had been 48 long hours since she had last teed off.