LA’S ORCHESTRA SAVES THE WORLD

BLOGS

As we read Alexander McCall Smith’s La’s Orchestra, we will all be blogging about our interactions with the text. In these blogs, you will be asked to create a thought provoking discussion to which your classmates will respond. First, here are instructions for setting up an individual blog for this class:

1. Go to www.wordpress.com.
2. Click the “Sign up Now” button at the top right to register for the website.
3. After you have registered, please e-mail me your blog URL as I will make links to all of your blogs on our classroom page.
4. Feel free to customize your page to express your personal creativity!
5. Subscribe to your classmates’ blogs as well as mine.

You will be required to complete 5 blogs by the middle of this unit and an additional 5 by the end of the unit for a grand total of 10 blogs. Please do no more than one blog per chapter in each section. The requirements for each of the blogs you create are as follows:

1. Each blog entry must be no less than 500 words but less than 700 words.
2. Each blog entry should not be a summary, but a discussion of the text from its language, its imagery or your reaction to a quote. You classmates should be able to easily comment on it or think of additional questions.
3. At least one quote from La’s Orchestra Saves the World relevant to your blog post, cited with the page number, should be included and discussed.
4. You need to post at least one, 100 word comment to your peers’ own blogs, each from different chapters of the book.
5. When publishing each blog post, on the right hand side there is a “Publish” sidebar with a “Visibility” heading. You should select the “Password protected” option and make the password “ELA9”.

If you have trouble finding quotes to discuss or inspiration from the text, feel free to look at my own blog as I will be blogging along with you. We will discuss the posts made for each chapter the next day in class. Happy blogging!