Modern Literature/Spring 2014

**Analyzing Maria:** digital media project based on *I Only Came to Use the Phone by Gabriel Garcia Marquez*

You may work in groups of no more than 4 (or by yourself if you prefer)

Step 1: The Analysis

Put yourself in the position of the doctor at the asylum. Maria has just arrived and your job is to figure out why she has been sent to a mental hospital (you have no idea about the car breaking down, etc….from the doctor’s perspective, Maria is just another patient).

You must research possible mental ailments and analyze Maria’s behavior from the story. You will have access to the class laptops for this purpose.

You must supply information about the condition, and textual evidence as to why it applies to Maria.

Step 2: The Treatment

After you diagnose Maria, you must research an appropriate treatment plan. Remember, this story takes place in 1978, so you can look at modern day treatments as well as what would have happened in 1978.

The Presentation:

You will have access to classroom laptops for the purpose of research and creating your final products.

You may use weebly, powtoon, prezi, or power point (or surprise me with a digital media program of your choice) to present your final product.

\*\*\*if you use power point, I expect you to really dazzle me, use the program to its fullest extent\*\*\*\*

It must represent the following elements:

-Background information about the diagnosed condition - do not assume that your audience knows anything about it, provide enough information that I will understand the basics and get a feel for why you chose this particular diagnosis

-Textual Support for your Diagnosis – you must pull your evidence for the diagnosis from the story. You may use actual quotes from the text, or descriptions of Maria’s actions

-Treatment Plan – research an appropriate treatment for your diagnosed condition

-MLA Works Cited - Include a citation page in your presentation for all resources, including the story

Worth 100 points. Presentation will be a gallery walk of your final product