LNG 406: Jackdaw Project for Literature Circles

DUE DATE: Thursday, May 7 (All projects are due on the same day although they will not be

presented on the same day.)

VALUE: Test grade

A jackdaw is a bird that scavenges material to build its nest. As you continue reading and

meeting with your literature circle group, you and your group members will be like the

jackdaw bird collecting and creating artifacts that represent ideas, events, characters, and

themes in your novel.

The artifacts will include 2D illustrations, collage and writing, and 3D artifacts or models. Practically anything that is related in some fairly direct way to a piece of literature and that can aid a student's comprehension or interest in a novel is eligible, including photographs, recordings, movies, period songs or music, news articles, time lines and maps, biographical sketches of authors, and lists of related novels.

* The items will be displayed in and on a cardboard box or other container representative of the novel. The container itself can even be an artifact.
* Label each artifact and briefly write about its importance to the novel.
* You will also include a quote from your novel related to each of the artifacts.
* Label the artifact with a number and have the numbers and writing attached to another part of the box (for example, the side or inside the lid).

***Each person*** in your literature is ***responsible for at least one artifact, the related quotation from the novel, and the written description of the artifact’s importance***. The ***entire group*** is responsible for contributingto the decoration and display of artifacts in and on the container and for the presentation. I suggest that each member of the group introduce his chosen artifact in the presentation.

**FYI**: Jackdaws are collections of interesting artifacts that provide information about a particular subject, period, or idea, and build background and interest in works of literature. Jackdaws are easy to construct.