

Assignments

Week 9, beginning 3/17/2008:

Tuesday:

- Hand in your response to Jhumpa Lahiri's "My Two Lives."
- Over the weekend I asked you to read Grace Hsiang's " 'FOBs' vs. 'Twinkies': The New Discrimination Is Intraracial," pages 109 to 111.
- We'll discuss the article, relating it to some of the controversies in the news regarding gender and racial issues that have become prominent in the Clinton and Obama campaigns.
- I'll then ask you to summarize the article and write a beginning, middle and end for it because – surprise, surprise – I'm going to ask you to write a response to this article when you come back from Spring Break.
- Of course we'll also work on *Sentence-Combining*.
- If time permits, we'll watch part of Sherman Alexie's *Smoke Signals*.

Homework due Thursday:

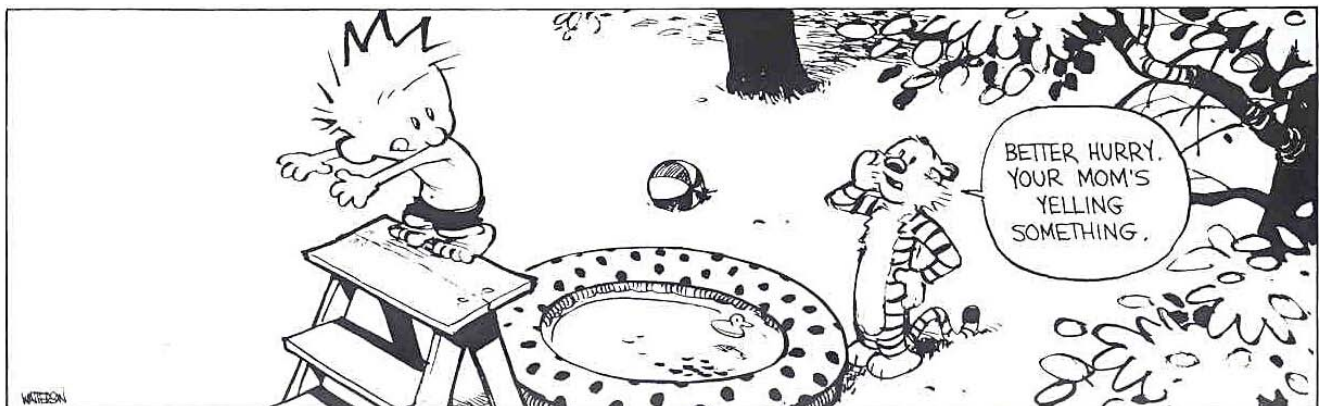
1. Barak Obama is scheduled to talk about race tensions, perhaps also gender tensions, tomorrow, Tuesday. This could be an extremely important speech for his campaign and for Americans as we struggle to understand how we recognize race, gender and other discriminations in our country and how we can use our experiences to create a better country. Watch his speech, and in your journals record your impressions.

Thursday:

- We'll continue with writing your second response and with the *Sentence-Combining Workbook* as well.
- More of Sherman Alexie's *Smoke Signals* if time permits.

Homework due a week from next Tuesday, 4/1/2008:

1. Have great fun on your Spring Break. I'll see you next on Tuesday, April 1, which is no joke.



"Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson.