READING/RESOURCES for the LITERACY ESSAY:

* **Julia Galef’s “Scout mindset” TED talk**: *Usually watched and discussed together in class, but also furnished as a link for review.* [Why You Think You're Right, Even if You're Wrong](https://www.ted.com/talks/julia_galef_why_you_think_you_re_right_even_if_you_re_wrong?utm_campaign=tedspread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare) <https://www.ted.com/talks/julia_galef_why_you_think_you_re_right_even_if_you_re_wrong?utm_campaign=tedspread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare>
* **The Literate Family:** Douglas Thayer, 1986 (attached in email) *This is the piece that most students have strong feelings about. The year is relevant. He makes excellent points are the power of language, of “hiding words” etc., but he enthusiastically hates on film & TV.*
* **The Importance of Platonic Physical Affection:** Santiago Marquez <https://youtu.be/1Mn-rgHkrac>
* How a Parent’s Affection Shapes a Child’s Happiness for Life: Sandi Schwartz <https://www.gottman.com/blog/how-a-parents-affection-shapes-a-childs-happiness-for-life/>
* The Remarkable Power of Touch: Karen Young <https://www.heysigmund.com/the-remarkable-power-of-touch/>
* **We’re all Amateurs Here:** Michael Chabon excerpt <https://www.tor.com/2009/10/08/michael-chabon-were-all-amateurs-here/>