**Senior Thesis: *Tuesday’s with Morrie* Reflection Essay Due: May 5th 2016**

**Directions:** Choose **TWO** quotations listed below from *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Write a one-page reaction paper for EACH (total of 2 FULL pages MINIMUM). The title for each reaction paper should be the quote you have chosen. Essays should be typed and MLA-formatted. Note: As this is a personal reflection it is acceptable to use personal pronouns, however the tone of your response should still be formal.

**Guiding Questions:** What does the quotation mean in general? Explain it. How does the quote relate to the story (the context) and impact the plot, characters, or themes? How do *you* relate to the meaning of the quote in THREE ways? Do you agree or disagree with the words? Keep in mind where you are in your life at this moment, and where you hope to go in your future.

* “Accept what you are able to do and what you are not able to do.”
* “Accept the past as the past, without denying it or discarding it.”
* “Learn to forgive yourself and to forgive others.”
* “Don’t assume it is too late to get involved.”
* “Devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.”
* “Find someone to share your heart, give to your community, be at peace with yourself, try to be as human as you can be.”
* “Love always wins.”
* “The culture we have does not make people feel good about themselves. And you have to be strong enough to say if the culture doesn’t work, don’t buy it.”
* “So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they’re busy doing things they think are important. This is because they’re chasing the wrong things.”
* “If you really want it, then you’ll make your dream happen.”
* “Love is the only rational act.”
* “I don’t allow myself any more self-pity than that. A little each morning, a few tears, and that’s all…It’s horrible to watch my body slowly wilt away to nothing. But, it’s also wonderful because of all the time I have to say goodbye.”
* “Sometimes you can’t believe what you see; you have to believe what you feel.”
* “What if today were my last day on earth?”
* “Once you learn how to die, you learn how to live.”
* “If you accept you are going to die at any time, then you might not be as ambitious as you are.”
* “There is no foundation, no secure ground, upon which people may stand today if it isn’t the family.”
* “Don’t cling to things, because everything in life is impermanent.”
* “If you’ve found meaning in your life, you don’t want to go back. You want to go forward. You want to see more, do more. You can’t wait until sixty-five.”
* “Love is how you stay alive, even after you are gone.”
* “The big things—how we think, what we value—those you must choose yourself. You can’t let anyone, or any society, determine those for you.”
* “Don’t let go too soon, but don’t hang on too long.”
* “Be compassionate. And take responsibility for each other. If we only learned those lessons, this world would be so much better a place.”
* “Forgive yourself before you die. Then forgive others.”
* “Death ends a life, not a relationship.”
* “You’re not a wave; you are part of the ocean.”