**CLEAR writing prompts—Connection / GG / Self:**

The importance of connection and What’s Eating Gilbert Grape (GG)

Having explored the importance of connection in Steinbeck’s novel Of Mice and Men, it becomes apparent that there are many parallels that can be drawn between the friendships in OMAM and the friendships in GG. In fact science supports the idea that connection is an important aspect of human wellness. Read the article published at Stanford, UCLA, and the NYTs, and then consider the Essential Questions about connection and explain how the need for connection relates to scientific research, GG, and your own life.

**Essential Questions--Connection**: *What do the relationships in What’s Eating Gilbert Grape, reveal about the need for connection and relationships?*

**Directions:** Your writing will include the following three CLEAR paragraphs:

**Body paragraph 1**: What do the articles say about the importance of being connected? (BeWell@Stanford, UCLA, NYT)

**Body paragraph 2**: How does evidence from the article relate to the film What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?

**Body paragraph 3:** How does the evidence from the article relate to your own life experience?

**Body Paragraph 1 :** ***What do the articles say about the importance of being connected? (BeWell@Stanford, UCLA, NYT)***

**Claim**:

**Lead-in / Evidence**:

**Analysis**:

**(Repeat)**

**2nd Lead-in** / **Evidence**

**Analysis**:

**Concluding idea / Transition**:

**Body Paragraph 2 : *How does evidence from the article relate to the film What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?***

**Claim**:

**Lead-in / Evidence**:

**Analysis**:

**(Repeat)**

**2nd Lead-in** / **Evidence**

**Analysis**:

**Concluding idea / Transition**:

**Body Paragraph 3 : *How does the evidence from the article relate to your own life experience?***

**Claim**:

**Lead-in / Evidence**:

**Analysis**:

**(Repeat)**

**2nd Lead-in** / **Evidence**

**Analysis**:

**Concluding idea / Transition**: