**Metaphor Speech: Brainstorming Homework**

**Directions: Read carefully, typing answers where required. Submit to Schoology before 11:59pm the night before our next class. This assignment is 15 points.**

1. In the space below, list between 10-15 adjectives or phrases—positive and negative—that describe your personality or characteristics but do NOT use the specific qualities I did in my modeled speech. Avoid nouns like “golfer” or “piano player,” or physical descriptions, as these do not directly address the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social qualities your speech will attempt to communicate:

2. Thinking back to your notes on denotation, think of any of the words you listed under #1 that carry multiple denotations that may represent an object physically.

3. You’re now on a quest to find one or a few items that might be useful. Take your list to places in or around your home that hold many different items—desk drawers, cabinets, boxes, your garage, attic, or basement, or anywhere else where you can look at a lot of items at once.

4. Consider how any object that sparks your interest may share a quality or two with a word or phrase you listed under #1. You may have to slightly change the word to a synonym or rephrase it, which is fine. The point is that you want find a physical quality in that object that shares an ambiguous denotation that *also* describes you personality.

5. Think about the other qualities of your object (material, shape, weight, consistency, function) to brainstorm your way to three different examples you can use to argue this object is a metaphor for you. Note: Avoid colors, as colors are symbolic (more on that later!).

6. Decide on an object. List it here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. In the space below, list the word or phrase that carries multiple denotations and briefly list the two different denotations that you will intentionally use ambiguously to create the examples for your metaphor:

Sample 1: **Inflexible** (adj.): unwilling to change or compromise (mental). Not able to be bent, stiff (physical)

Sample 2: Multitasker (mental). Able to hold many ingredients (no definition).

Sample 3: **Unbreakable** (adj.): not liable to break or be broken easily (physical); impossible to weaken or defeat (mental)

Note in Sample 2 that there isn’t a perfect correlation that works because a multitasker must be human, but in a way, a mixing bowl does multitask.

Type your three here—these should not be plagiarized from Mr. Spear’s speech. Be original:

1:

2:

3:

When you’re done, upload this assignment to Schoology before 11:59pm the night before it is due. We will be discussing this in class. Again, this assignment is 15 points.