

This week's Harkness discussion will focus on our recent AoW's about jobs, school, and college. I would also like for you to consider the following hypothetical. Be prepared. Bring questions and ideas that will provoke debate. Challenge yourself and your classmates to think about the bigger issues about learning, about society, about happiness. Think. Question. Argue.

## **Hypothetical**

**20% Time** is a concept that permeates many of today's most successful high tech companies including facebook, Linked In, and Google. Under this theory, employees are given 20% of their work week to experiment with their own ideas. The underlying philosophy is that individuals who are allowed to pursue their passions will be better innovators and happier employees. What do you think about applying this philosophy to the classroom, in particular, to Mrs. Krieger's AP English classroom? What would happen if students were given one period a week to pursue an interest that intrigues them? Would this setup work, or would it fail?