It’s All in the Details

You are going to engage in a discovery project based on the novel The Sweet Hereafter.

1. Select a detail from the novel that interests you. You may choose from the list below:
   - Ferris wheels
   - The origin of the phrase “sweet hereafter?
   - Demolition derby
   - County fairs
   - Upstate New York (near Plattsburg)
   - Personal injury law
   - School bus accidents
   - Recovering from the death of a child
   - Small town relationships/life
   - Paraplegia
   - Legal depositions
   - Perjury
   - AIDS
   - Alcoholism
   - Drug addiction
   - Rehabilitation
   - Barbie dolls

2. Take your chosen detail as a separate idea from the novel and research it.

3. Then, choose an angle from which you might share your information. You might research its usefulness in the world, its history, its superstitions, its modern-day meaning, its negative effect on the world, or any angle you can think of.

4. Create a PowerPoint in which you will teach me about your detail.

You presentation must include:

- A statement of your topic and thesis about the angle your chose to research.
- One slide near the beginning that discusses where the detail appears in the novel and the impact that the detail gives to the scene in which it appears.
- At least three main supporting ideas for your thesis.
- 1-3 Details (facts, statistics, anecdotes, studies, evidence) from your research sources that develop your supporting ideas.
- 1-2 slides that reflect upon the author’s choice of the detail that you researched, and a discussion of how that detail relates to one of the themes of The Sweet Hereafter.
- Use Preview/Present/Review organization
  - On the first slide tell the audience what they will learn (Preview the main points you will make).
  - Present your points in the same order as you did in the preview (Present).
On the next to last slide go over your main points again, but do it in a different way than on the preview slide (Review).

- Use a hook to grab the audience’s attention; do this first thing on the first slide.
- Use a clincher as the last sentence of the next to last slide, so your presentation stays with the audience.
- Use images, illustrations, photos, etc. to make your presentation interesting.
- Use audio to present the material.
- Include the audio script in the "Notes" section of the PowerPoint presentation.
- Include a "Works Consulted" page (as the very last slide) that lists your sources in MLA format.
- 8-12 slides with audio about your detail that teaches your peers about that detail.

Remember:

1. You are teaching a detail from the novel, such as injury law; you are NOT teaching about the novel or the characters.
2. You must record yourself orally presenting the information.
3. You need 8-12 slides.
4. The slides must have images… be creative!
5. The script for your PowerPoint should be in the Notes section or a separate PowerPoint.