Appendix A

"Sailor, Rest Your Oar"

"We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people. For space science, like nuclear science and technology, has no conscience of its own. Whether it will become a force for good or ill depends on man, and only if the United States occupies a position of preeminence can we help decide whether this new ocean will be a sea of peace or a new terrifying theater of war... The great British explorer George Mallory, who was to die on Mount Everest, was asked why did he want to climb it. He said because it is there. Well space is there, and we’re going to climb it. And the moon and the planets are there. And new hopes for knowledge and peace are there. And therefore, as we set sail, we ask God’s blessing, on the most hazardous, and dangerous, and greatest adventure, on which man has ever embarked." -- Pres. John F. Kennedy, Sept. 12, 1962, Rice University, Houston

"I really don’t know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it’s because in addition to the fact that the sea changes, and the light changes, and ships change, it’s because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, our sweat, and in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch it, we are going back from whence we came." --Pres. John F. Kennedy, Australian Ambassador’s Dinner for the America’s Cup Crews, September14, 1962, Newport, R.I.

"Nantucketers had good reason to be superstitious. Their lives were governed by a force of terrifying unpredictability--the sea." In the Heart of the Sea, Nathaniel Philbrick.

"The tides are the heartbeat of the ocean, a pulse that can be felt all over the world." Ebb and Flow, Albert Defant

"Going to sea is going to prison, with a chance at drowning besides." Samuel Johnson

Assignment

1. Read the quotations.
2. Write a journal entry that does at least one of the following:
   • Reflects on a portion of one of the quotations.
   • Expands upon one of the ideas in relation to "oceans."
   • Voices your own feelings about the ocean and connects to something Kennedy or any of the other authors said.
• Presents your own thoughts or questions in any genre (poetry, musical lyrics, essay).

3. Present your reaction also in the form of a visual interpretation.

4. Be prepared to share your writing and visual interpretation the next time class meets.