CTIL 11- Confederacy Assignment

After hearing the title of this novel and reading it, I realize I had a very different vision for what the book would be about. I wasn’t expecting the drama and plot twists that happened, and I definitely judged a book by its cover/title. I had expected almost a memoir or history book after hearing the Confederacy of Dunces. Therefore, the coolest thing I learned was that this book was not what I had expected and totally took me by surprise. The book changed my perception about what it was going to be, which is very interesting to me.

I also thought the concept of a picaresque novel was very interesting as well. I learned that a picaresque novel is a genre of fiction which can be satirical and depicts the adventures of a mischievous hero of low social class who lives in a corrupt society in a real and humorous way. I thought this was very interesting when comparing a Confederacy of Dunces. I would have never thought Ignatius was a hero throughout the novel, and almost didn’t even find him humorous. However, the different jobs including Levy Pants and being a hot dog vendor at Paradise Vendors were funny and entertaining, as were many other scenes in the novel. I thought overall it was an interesting and entertaining novel, and told an important story.