Team Reading Notes: Word Watcher

Title of Essay: Panopticism

**Word Watcher:** Your role is to watch out for words worth knowing while you are reading. These words might be interesting, new, important, or used in unusual ways. It is important to indicate the specific location of the words so that your team can discuss the words in context. You may need to look up these words in a dictionary to include the definition in your notes.

**Sample Questions:**
Which words are used frequently?
Which words are used in unusual ways?
What words seem to have special meaning to the author?
What new words do you find in this section?
What does this word mean?

**Panopticism:** “a building with a tower at the center from which it is possible to see each cell in which a prisoner or schoolboy is incarcerated.” (SparkNotes.com) “The architectural figure of this composition.” (Page 360) This made it better to watch the people without using any verbal communication. It was the ideal way to go about things they thought.

“The panopticon, on the other hand, must be understood as a generalizable model of functioning; a way of defining power relations in terms of the everyday life of men.” (Page 364) This is the way of life and there’s no changing that during this rough time. They compare it to living in a cage. You are trapped with no way out.

**Partitioning:** “the closing of a town and its outlying districts, a prohibition to leave the town on a pain of death, the killing of all stray animals; the division of the town into distinct quarters, each governed by an intendant.” (Page 357) These are the types of laws that were put into place to keep the people inside their own homes and not communicate with one another or spread the plague.