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Student Organizer

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*Welcome to the endless high-school
Reunion. Welcome to past friends
And lovers, however kind or cruel.
Let's undervalue and unmend*

*The present. Why can't we pretend
Every stage of life is the same?
Let's exhume, resume, and extend
Childhood. Let's play all the games*

*That occupy the young. Let fame
And shame intertwine. Let one's search
For God become public domain.
Let church.com become our church*

*Let's sign up, sign in, and confess
Here at the altar of loneliness.*

- Sherman Alexie

Questions

1. According to Alexie, what are the dangers of Facebook?
2. Do you agree or disagree with Alexie? Explain your answer.
3. Reread “The Seven Ages of Man” speech from *Twelfth Night*. Despite the melancholy final few lines, in what way might the speech as a whole be a healthier way to look at life than the one Alexie fears we adopt when we live our lives through Facebook?