Lin-Manuel Miranda Interview: Close Listening
This handout is due Monday, May 2

Watch the interview at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7YTPuEMgaE
to answer these questions.

1. Describe how Stephen Colbert felt while he watched the musical “Hamilton.”

2. Where did Colbert grow up? Where did Lin-Manuel Miranda grow up?

3. Miranda tells a story about Aaron Burr’s marriage. What was the story?

4. How did killing Hamilton affect Burr, according to Miranda?

5. Colbert and Miranda discuss the song “Room Where It Happens.” What’s that song about?

6. They also discuss Lafayette and Colbert says something about the streets in New York – explain it.

7. Miranda also mentions something about Lafayette, who does not speak English well at first. How does that change and how does the musical demonstrate it?

8. Miranda discusses his reasons for writing musicals. Explain what he says. (You can use the back!)