**Dramaturgy Assignment**

**“Almost, Maine”**

1. Please write a paragraph about Presque Isle, Maine. Include any and all information you think would help in creating the show *Almost, Maine*.(This is where John Cariani grew up and thought to be the inspiration for the play.)
2. Describe John Cariani’s life. Include any and all information you think would help in creating the show Almost, Maine.
3. What are the Northern Lights? Please look at photos or videos and describe them in as much detail as possible below.
4. Look further into the Northern Lights. What are some myths that exist? What are they supposedly symbolic of?
5. Describe the weather in Maine. How do you think this effects people? Don’t just write that it snows, give me average temperatures and snow fall amounts.
6. Do some preliminary investigations on given topics related to Almost, Maine. Some examples are, congenital analgesia, aurora borealis, clichés, and effects of alcoholism on emotions.
7. What is magical realism? How can you create that on stage?
8. What else has John Cariani written/ performed? How do you think that applies to Almost, Maine?
9. How popular is this show with high school theatre groups? Why do you think that is?
10. Do some research on the controversy of this show. Give one example and discuss your thoughts on the situation.