

# ENGLISH IV HONORS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2018

## *DIRECTIONS FOR THE WRITING ASSIGNMENT*

This is the year most of you will be filling out college applications and applying for scholarships (FREE MONEY); many of these require personal essays that reveal your character and demonstrate your ability to communicate ideas. For your summer writing assignment, you will write a first-person narrative response to EACH of the prompts listed below and submit it to [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com) on or before Friday, August 31. These narrative responses should be divided into three parts: an introduction that includes an attention-grabbing opening, multiple body paragraphs, and conclusion. This assignment is meant to be done throughout the summer, not all on the night before they're due.

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**Guidelines:** 500-750 words, typed, 12 pt. Times New Roman, MLA format. Please proofread your multi-paragraph essays PRIOR to submission to turnitin. Use formal language and avoid slang or overly casual phrases. Each of the seven essays should be submitted to their own section.

#1. Briefly introduce yourself, including such things as personality traits, strengths, weaknesses, ambitions, etc. Provide some details on your post-secondary plans (college, career, military, etc.) and how you plan to reach those goals.

#2. How people handle a problem often reveals a lot about their character. Describe a time you encountered a difficult problem or obstacle, how you got through it, and what you learned about your strengths and abilities.

#3. We are not isolated; many people cross our paths throughout our formative years. Describe a person who has had a significant effect on your development and explain why.

#4. Discuss an issue of personal, local, or national concern and its importance to you and/or the world around you. What solutions or ideas would you offer to mitigate the issue?

#5. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? Why is this important? How would you go about changing it?

#6 and #7 – Essay topic of your choice. Find an essay requirement from other scholarships/college admissions.

You may find scholarship possibilities with (and without) essays on the following sites:

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://blog.prepscholar.com/top-scholarships-for-high-school-seniors>

<https://scholarships.com>

<http://www.collegescholarships.com/local/florida-scholarships>