

ENGLISH IV HONORS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2019

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 to distinguish yourselves from all the others. For your summer writing assignment, you will write an *impressive* first-person narrative response to **EACH** of the prompts listed below and submit EACH to its own turnitin.com submission section on or before Friday, August 23. You must first SUBMIT the writing, then CONFIRM it – both must be done for the file to upload.

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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The CLASS ID is 20199646, and the class enrollment password is stingray The name of the class is English IV Honors 2019-2020

Guidelines: 500-750 words, 12 pt. Times New Roman (MLA format preferred but not necessary). 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. Do NOT use essays you have used before.

#1. Briefly introduce yourself, including such things as personality traits, strengths, weaknesses, ambitions, talents, 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. Why is this important to 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 long will this take? How would you go about changing it? What resources would you need?

#6. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. When did this happen? How did you change? What did you learn?

#7. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more? How will this idea fit in with your future?