**College Application Essay**

Rough Drafts due: 9/20 with Brag Sheet/Resume and Comp Book with 6 prompts

Final Draft due:

\* MLA Format

\* 500-650 words

\* Final Drafts need to be submitted to **turnitin.com**

Please write an essay on **one** of the topics listed below. The following instructions are taken directly from the common application: Students will need to choose from the five options below. The prompts are designed to encourage reflection and introspection. If your essay doesn't include some self-analysis, you haven't fully succeeded in responding to the prompt.

**Option #1: Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.**

**Option #2: The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?**

**Option #3: Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?**

**Option #4: Describe a problem you’ve solved or a problem you’d like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma – anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.**

**Option #5: Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.**

**Option #6: 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?**