

## **Eighth Grade Summer Writing: Personal Reflections**

Your summer writing project is designed to help with your transition into eighth grade. These prompts will continue through the year as you prepare to write your graduation essays!

1. You will compose five pieces.
2. Choose from the following topics. Compose at least three different kinds of pieces.
  - a) Tell me a story about your name  
*Are you named for someone? What does your name mean?*
  - b) Describe a memorable event from elementary school  
*Be specific: What happened? And what did you learn?*
  - c) Describe a person that you admire  
*Focus on this person's qualities. What makes them a good person?*
  - d) Write a letter to the author of a book that has been important to you  
*Feel free to ask them questions about characters, plot, and meaning; or describe to them how their work has impacted your life.*
  - e) Share and reflect on a quote  
*How are these words meaningful to you? How do they help you live your life?*
  - f) Write a book or movie review to share a powerful work with others
  - g) Write a letter to the editor to stand up for something that is important to you
  - h) Compose a journal entry reflecting on your aspirations for eighth grade
  - i) Craft a short story
  - j) Write a poem or song
  - k) Free choice – write about something else!
3. Each one of these five pieces should be a minimum of half a page and a maximum of two pages. Your work may be written by hand or typed.
4. Gather your summer writing into a single portfolio or document. Turn in your work on the first day of school!

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