

Introduction Essay – Senior English

Welcome to my English class. Today, I am asking you to do some writing that will serve a few purposes. This essay allows me to get an idea of your writing skills, and it also allows me to get to know some things about you. It is an opportunity to let me know how I can help you work toward your goals and succeed in this class.

Your essay should be divided into four main parts. For each part, I have provided some questions. These are meant to assist you in the event that you aren't quite sure what to talk about or if you have run out of ideas. You are not expected to answer every question, nor do you have to respond to questions that you are not comfortable discussing. You may also include things that I did not ask you about as long as they relate to main idea of that particular section. Your essay should be neatly written in blue or black ink. It should be approximately two pages in length.

Part 1 – A little bit about me

Tell me a little about yourself in general. What is your family like? What are your hobbies/interests? Do you have any special talents? How do you spend your free time? Do you have a job? Are you involved in any extracurricular activities or sports? What are some of your favorite things? What kind of person are you? Where did you grow up? How many schools have you attended?

Part 2 - My post high school plans

What are your immediate plans after high school? What career(s) are you interested in? Is there a particular college you hope to attend? Do you plan to enlist in the military? Do you plan to get married? How many children would you like, if any? Where would you like to live? Where do you see yourself ten years from now? What are your long-range plans? Are there any things that you feel you "must do" in your lifetime? What kind of lifestyle do you hope to have?

Part 3- What teachers should know about me

Tell about yourself as a student. What kind of learner are you? What subjects do you enjoy the most/least? What type of teachers do you respond to best? What learning activities and/or assignments do you enjoy the most/least? What is your overall attitude towards school? Are there any issues/difficulties teachers should be aware of? What types of grades do you typically earn? What motivates you to do well? What is your current status as a student? (On track to graduate on time? Need to make up courses?)

Part 4 – My goals for the remainder of this year

What are your academic goals for the remainder of this school year? Do you have any particular grades/honors that you hope to earn? Do you have any attendance or behavioral goals? Are there any special achievements/honors outside of the classroom that you hope to earn? Are there any extracurricular activities or sports teams that you hope to be a part of? What are you looking forward to in the remaining days of your high school career?