

In an effort to better assess where your current writing abilities lie, select one (1) of the topics below to complete a written response to. You must be sure to respond to all portions of the prompt to receive full credit. Complete your response on a piece of notebook paper. Once you have finished, **BOLD** which prompt you responded to and hit “Turn In” in Google Classroom. You will be graded based on the rubric below.

Prompts

1. Write a short essay describing a time in your life when you overcame what you believed were insurmountable odds. What were the odds you were facing? How did you overcome them? What lesson(s) did you take away from the experience?
2. It is your 20 year high school reunion. Write a narrative that tells the story of the reunion as well as what you have accomplished over the last 20+ years.
3. Write a letter to your 5 year old self giving them advice for growing up. Include in it what you think they should do differently with their life, what you are most proud of, and what events you are most excited for them to experience (e.g. driving a car, going to a concert, etc.). Conclude your letter with your hopes/dreams for the future.
4. The singer and songwriter Bob Dylan once wrote, “A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.” Do you agree with this definition of success? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
5. What, do you believe, is the biggest issue facing America today? Explain why you believe this is the biggest issue and use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Rubric

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Response addresses the entirety of the chosen prompt.			
Response hooks the reader in the beginning as well as ties all the loose ends together at the end.			
Response is well thought-out as evidenced by the clarity of the piece.			
Response was enjoyable to read and kept the audience’s attention.			
Response includes no spelling or grammatical errors.			