**Creative Writing and Poetry Activities AP English III**

**Objectives:** Students will write formal personalized thank you notes and letters. Students will write original poetry using a variety of creative poetic techniques. Students will create spoken word poems and presentations. Students will write one college essay for college applications

**Expectations:** You will be given a series of creative/original writing assignments to complete over the next few weeks. Students must complete the checklist of assignments. **Some of these assignments will be put together into a formal portfolio for a major grade. Several individual assignments will receive daily grades**.

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**Writing Assignment I: Write a college Essay**

**Assignment I:** You will go through a quick process paper to develop a response for one of the given essay prompts for ApplyTexas or the Common Application.

**ApplyTexas Essay Prompts A, B and C For U.S. Freshman and International Freshman Applications Slated to replace current ApplyTexas essay choices A, B and C For inclusion in ApplyTexas applications for the 2014-2015 cycle (Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015 - opening 8/1/13)**

Essay A: Describe a setting in which you have collaborated or interacted with people whose experiences and/or beliefs differ from yours. Address your initial feelings, and how those feelings were or were not changed by this experience.

Essay B: Describe a circumstance, obstacle or conflict in your life, and the skills and resources you used to resolve it. Did it change you? If so, how?

Essay C: Considering your lifetime goals, discuss how your current and future academic and extra-curricular activities might help you achieve your goals.

**2014-15 Common Application Essay Prompts**

The Common Application will retain the current set of first-year essay prompts for 2014-15. The essay length will be **capped at 650 words**.

**The essay prompts are as follows**:

1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure.  How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea.  What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content.  What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

**Assignment II:** Write **1 handwritten formal letter** and **4 handwritten thank-you notes** to special people in your life that have supported you.

**These letters/notes must include the following recipients:**

* One family member or extended family member (i.e. “aunt” who is really a dear family friend etc…)
* One teacher (any grade level from any year)
* One person who would be considered a “mentor” to you
* Two other people who have influenced you in a positive way

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**Writing Assignment III: Original Poetry Portfolio DG (part of overall MG also)**

**Assignments:** You will produce original poems. Your portfolio will be uploaded into turnitin.com. These poems must come from the following process assigned on given class days:

1 Found Poem/Scratch Poem

1 Puzzle Poem

1 “Advice” poem

1 Narrative Poem

1 or more of these poems will be used for Slam poetry days