**Creative Writing 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 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. **The College Essay will be a major grade. The writing activities will be a daily grade.**

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

**Common Application Essay Topics**

**Topic 1:**

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

**Topic 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?

**Topic 3:**

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

**Topic 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.*

**Topic 5:**

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

**Topic 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?

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**Topic A:**

What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.

**Topic B:**

Some students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way.  Tell us about yourself.

**Topic C:**

You’ve got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

**Topic D:**

*\*\*Note: Essay D is specific to certain college majors and is not required by all colleges/universities that accept ApplyTexas applications.*

Personal interaction with objects, images and spaces can be so powerful as to change the way one thinks about particular issues or topics.  For your intended area of study, describe an experience where instruction in that area or your personal interaction with an object, image or space effected this type of change in your thinking.  What did you do to act upon your new thinking and what have you done to prepare yourself for further study in this area?

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**Writing Assignment III: Write an Advice Letter to Next Year’s AP students**

**Writing Assignment IV: Write thank you notes : 3 short and 1 long**