**AP English Literature and Composition**

**Process Paper: College Essay (Major Grade )**

**Objective:** Write well-developed essays addressing the Common Application essay prompts at a college application rubric of 6+.

**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.

**Daily Grade (40%)**

**Step #1 Assignment: Pre-Writing/Drafting: Complete the Pre-Writing Tri-fold over one of the following essay prompts (1, 2, 3, or 5)**

**Step #2: Pre-Writing/Drafting: Create an Image Chain over the following essay prompt: (4)**

**Step #3: Read and evaluate sample college essays in groups.** Annotate for the following qualities: thesis, stylistic devices/elements; word choice (connotation);

**Step #4: Draft one full essay from the two pre-writing activities.**

**Step #5: Writing Exercises (Daily Grade 60%).** Complete all writing exercises assigned in class. Writing exercises are intended to help you revise your paper. You do not have to utilize these exercises in your paper, but writing exercises will receive a separate daily grade for this paper.

**Step #6: Peer Editing**: Bring typed draft to class for peer editing

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**Final Typed Draft submitted to Turnitin.com by Sunday, September 21 at 11:59.**