

Summer Assignment

❖ **Assignment:** Over the summer, you are assigned to write your college essay. You should use one of “The Common Application” essay prompts below to write your personal essay. You will use this essay to apply to college and this will be your first grade for senior year English.

2020-2021 Common Application Essay Prompts:

Min- 250 words

Max- 650 words

- 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.*
- 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?*
- 3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?*
- 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.*
- 5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.*
- 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?*

❖ **Assignment Due Date:** Due on the first day of school: Senior Orientation. Bring a hard copy to school. **Have your essay saved on a Word document and ready to make edits if necessary.**