Assignment #1

- A printed copy of your Extended Essay, including all proper formatting and citations, must be turned in the first day of school. Do not ask me to print this for you.

Assignment #2 – The Common Application has announced the 2020-2021 personal essay writing prompts. These prompts are potentially useful as a starting point for any college admissions or scholarship applications you might apply for during your senior year.

Directions: Write an essay for any three (3) of the six (6) prompts below.
- Each essay should be between 350-500 words.
- The essays should be personal, insightful, creative, and honest.
- Personal means that the use of personal pronouns (I, we) is encouraged.
- Essays must be typed.
- You should include the essay prompt and your total word count on the first line preceding your essay.

2020-2021 Common Application Essay Prompts

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?