**SENIORS: Humanities / AP Research**

**Summer College Application Essay Assignment 2023**

**Instructions: Write an essay response to one prompt from either the list of Common Application Essay Prompts or Additional College Application and Essay Prompts below. The essay must be typed in MLA style and include your completed essay prompt along with your MLA heading to feature: your name, your Humanities teacher or AP Research teacher’s last name, the college to which you are applying, and date. CHOOSE ONLY ONE PROMPT TO ANSWER. Include your word count at the bottom of your essay.**

**Due Date: Bring a printed out hard copy of your essay to class on August 14, 2023 to turn into your Humanities teacher or AP Research teacher. Save an electronic copy of your essay and upload it in your Naviance account.**

**2023-2024 Common Application Essay Prompts**

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so.

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. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
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?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

**Additional College/Scholarship Application and Essay Prompts**

8. What is the most important issue that your generation faces?

9. Why do you want to attend this college/university and what will you contribute to the school?

10. Why have you decided to pursue your major of choice and where do you see yourself 10-15 years from now?

11. Tell me about your community service and how it has had a positive impact/influence on the community.

**UPLOADING YOUR COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY IN NAVIANCE**

1. **UPLOAD TO NAVIANCE:** Complete the following steps to allow your counselor, teachers, and other recommenders to view your College/Scholarship Essay in Naviance.
2. Save your essay on your computer
3. Log into Naviance
4. Click on the "About Me" tab
5. > “My Stuff”
6. >"Journal"
7. >+add new entry (Click + in the top right hand corner)
8. > Type the name of your essay in the subject box (Ex: Scholarship Essay)
9. >"Share with", then check the boxes for Counselors, Teachers, Parents
10. >Browse for your document and attach it
11. >"Attach" (many students forget to click on "Attach" at this point, so don't forget to do this)
12. >"Add” Journal Entry" (another frequently forgotten step)