

# Senior Writing Project

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## REQUIRED DETAILS:

- Design a cover, or any creative container you wish, for your project. You may use the standard scrap book method, or you can be more creative and in some way relate it to your shop. Students who go above and beyond will receive a minimum of 25 extra credit points.
- Title page / Table of Contents
- Dedication ~ you may dedicate your project to anyone who has influenced your life.

## REQUIRED WRITING:

1. **Who am I-** write a brief autobiography of yourself.
2. Write a **character sketch** (serious or humorous) of someone who has influenced you during your high school years. Your character sketch **MUST** include physical characteristics as well as personality attributes. Your reader should have an image of the person you are writing about as well as how/ why they are important to you.
3. **Thank you-** no one can get through life by themselves. In this section, write a thank you letter to a person who has helped you become the person you are today. It may **NOT** be the same person as the Dedication or the Character Sketch.
4. **“A Day in the Life of...”** ~ this should illustrate a typical day at The Villages; however, you must write your paper from a different point of view, other than your own.
5. Write a **poem** contrasting Freshmen and Senior year. Your poem must have a specific format and contain at least ten examples of figurative language; five different types.
6. **“This I believe”** ~ a statement of personal philosophy. You must demonstrate argumentative writing throughout this piece. Your thesis should be focused around a favorite quotation.
7. Write about an **event** that has happened this year and state how it will influence your life, personal OR global. Your writing for this section should lean towards more of an analytical response.
8. Write about what **you hope to contribute to the world** in your lifetime. Your writing format should focus around personal essay.
9. Write about the **positive and negative aspects of education at The Villages**. Discuss any changes you would make if you had control. In this opinion piece, focus on the possible solutions to proposed problems; do not just complain to complain.
10. **Research** something that you are interested in or will be affected by over the next five years. Explain what it is, why this topic is important to you, and how it will influence you. Explain your concerns or comforts with this topic and address alternate opinions if one's exist. **You must have a bibliography with at least two sources.**

## EXTRA CREDIT:

Free Topics~ Examples: Poems (original or published), Photographs, Song Lyrics, Collages, awards...etc.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Writing Project Rubric

**Topics:**

\_\_\_\_\_/100

- Essay is detailed, specific, and unique to the student
- Essay follows the defined directions
- Essay is formatted properly
- Essay includes all the necessary elements
  - Dedication \_\_\_\_/10
  - Who am I? \_\_\_\_/10
  - Character Sketch \_\_\_\_/10
  - Thank You Letter \_\_\_\_/10
  - A Day in the Life of... \_\_\_\_/10
  - Poem \_\_\_\_/10
  - This I Believe \_\_\_\_/10
  - Analytical \_\_\_\_/10
  - Personal \_\_\_\_/10
  - Opinion \_\_\_\_/10

**Editing and Revising:**

\_\_\_\_\_/50

- Editing and revising were clearly present
- There are significant differences between the first and second drafts

**Grammar and Spelling:**

\_\_\_\_\_/25

- Mechanics and spelling are mostly correct
- Mistakes in grammar and spelling do not deter from the meaning
- Mistakes are minor and were things NOT covered in our grammar review

**Creativity and Presentation:**

\_\_\_\_\_/25

- Students presented their Senior Writing Project in a unique way
- The presentation is not sloppy
- Time was clearly given to the construction of the presentation

**Total:** \_\_\_\_/200

**Comments:**

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