

# **SENIORS WRITE! (a portfolio-style project)** Digital File Collection by May 1<sup>st</sup>

## **ENGLISH 8 – SPRING 2023**

### **Overview:**

This project is a collection of writings inspired by and adapted from the memory books that the 8A students put together each year.

### ***THIS YEAR'S PORTFOLIO WILL BE A COLLECTION OF PIECES ABOUT YOU IN A DIGITAL DROPBOX FOLDER***

Through these pieces, there is ample opportunity for reflective writing and self-discovery, but please note the final product might end up viewed by both your parents and others, so keep anything too personal to yourself.

### **Requirements and Information:**

In 1 or 2 pages each, capture your thoughts and memories and write the following 4 papers:

- REFLECTION: "Who I Am and Why I'm Me" (Who are you? Where do you live? What are your life goals? How would you describe yourself?) \* Recent picture of yourself if you can add one digitally
- THEME SONG: The ONE song you might use to define your high school self or high school experience (not just this semester). \* Choose a DIFFERENT song than the one you wrote about for Draft #2 (the song memoir) \* Make sure you put the song title & artist in the paper.
  - Write a one-pager that does ONE of the following: (Your choice)
    - analyzes the song for content (what is it about? what meaning does it have?)
    - tells a story (is there one associated with it that is worth remembering?)
    - analyzes it for craft (what about this song's lyrics make you love it so? how did the writer do that?)
    - generally muses "essay-style" about what this song means to you (think about what you think about when you hear it).

THEN CHOOSE 2:

- "My Favorite Mistake" (The high school blunder that you are MOST glad to have made. What was initially a mistake that worked out, or ultimately a mistake that taught you something valuable.)
- "The Course that Made the Difference" (The high school course that you are MOST glad to have taken. Give reasons and examples of why it was outstanding.)
- "A Shining Example" (The most influential person in your life, your role model. Be sure to include the cause/effect relationship of how he or she has affected your life.) \* Picture of that person if you can add one digitally
- "The Place to Be" (Your favorite place. What is it like? Why do you like it? Take us there.)
- "I'm Really in Love This Time/It Must've Been Love" (Your first serious romance or your dreams of a perfect romance. Explain what love is or what you think it should be.) \* Picture of that bf/gf or celebrity fantasy date
- "Let's Go to the Movies/Rockin' Out" (Your favorite movie or movie experience of your high school years. OR – Your favorite concert or concert experience. Why was it so good?) \* Movie poster or picture/ Concert photo or pic of the musician(s)