

“Me and My Notebook” - 2015

Personal organization will be essential for student success in Senior Current Issues. In order to help with organization students will be provided course folders. These folders are required to be with you in the classroom daily. In addition to helping with organization these folders should represent who you are and where you are headed. They will reflect your past, present, and future. In a way they'll be a snapshot of you at this time in your life. This assignment will serve to personalize your folder for you and help me get to know you a little better.



1 - PHOTO - no word limit here (attach as jpeg of the photo)

Date: Identify the EXACT date that you think this photo was clicked.

Others: Identify any other people in the photograph

Quote yourself: What exactly are you thinking when that shutter clicked? Put it in quotes.

Optimistic / Pessimistic: At the moment this photo shutter clicked, were you optimistic or pessimistic about life? Explain.

2 - WORD (for today) - 250 words

Write one word that best describes your philosophy of life right now, today, at Oakridge High School. Follow that up with a thorough explanation of why you chose the particular word that you did. Provide personal experiences.

3 - WORD (for tomorrow) - 250 words

By tomorrow I mean theoretically - the future. Write one word that best describes your philosophy of life down the road. What do you hope for. Follow that up with a thorough explanation of why you chose the particular word that you did. Provide personal experiences.

4 - ONE YEAR FROM TODAY - 250 words

Where will you be? Why will you be there? What do you want to accomplish in that year? I want to know specifically what your mindset will be at that time and how you will have changed from this moment. A snapshot down the road - give it to me.

5 - CAREER - 250 words

So, what are you going to do down the road? Where is your career taking you? Why are you going in that direction? What are your greatest fears regarding the direction? Tell me - why this is the direction that you intend to go. And if you don't know, provide a best case scenario...remember in going forward the only bad decision is procrastination. Better to "Ready...Fire....Aim" - than "Ready...Aim...Aim...Aim...Aim."

6 - TRAVEL - 250 words

One issue that will surface over and over and over again in this course is travel. Whether the destination is in-state, around the USA and Canada, or Internationally - travel opens your eyes. It provides you the opportunity to be a more intelligent compassionate human being. Part of travel is planning. Pick a place you want to go to someday. Explain why you want to go there and how long you've had the idea. Tell me the circumstances that will eventually take you there. Will it be work or school or vacation? What will you do when you arrive? Describe the place in detail - everything you know about it, and everything you want to learn about it.

7 - QUOTE - 250 words

You are to choose a quote that best represents your philosophy of life. The quote is your choice entirely. There are no restrictions on the author or his/her thoughts. This quote will be placed on the back of your Senior Current Issues notebook. Type up the quote - the quotes author - and your explanation of why you chose the quote and what it means to you.

One thing that bugs me about quotes...is that people have no idea who said the quote - they go online and pull up anything....I think it is important to know if your quote's author was a bum. If Joseph Stalin has a great quote and you put it on your binder, you oughta know if he was responsible for death of twenty million of his own citizens...

and maybe change the quote

Don't you think?

So tell me a bit about the individual who came up with the philosophy of YOUR life.