

Personal Paragraphs...

On your own notebook paper, write each question number (#1-4) and copy down and underline the complete questions. Write at least five complete sentences in response to each prompt. If any of your responses has less than that, your essays will be returned to you, and you won't be able to receive a grade until it's been fixed. You will have a few days to work on this, so do not rush through it. Carefully proofread your writing before turning it in, follow the guidelines laid out in the **Proofreading Expectations** handout.

1) Pick 1 of the following 3 prompts to respond to ...

- You've survived a semester in high school! What goals do you have (academically, socially, athletically, etc.) for the next five months before summer?
- Have you made any huge mistakes in the past five months since school started? What happened? How has it affected you?
- Where do you see yourself in four years, in ten years? What will your life be like? Be creative and descriptive.

2) Pick 1 of the following 3 prompts to respond to ...

- Do you agree with the statement "All people are equal"? Why or why not? Are all people equal in every way?
- If everyone were equal in everything (talents, intelligence, strength, etc.), how would the world be different?
- Have you ever been intimidated by (fearful of) someone simply because they were better at something than you were? Explain the situation and your feelings towards it.

3) Pick 1 of the following 3 prompts to respond to ...

- Have you ever been in a potentially life-threatening situation? Who was in danger? Describe your feelings as the events took place.
- Have you ever been in a situation in which someone judged you before really getting to know you? Describe the situation and your reaction to it.
- Have you ever been shocked by a friend's "dark side" or "mean streak"? Explain the situation and how you reacted to it.

4) Pick 1 of the following 3 prompts to respond to ...

- Has your family (your parents) ever fought with another family? Describe the situation. How far did it go? How did it affect you?
- Have you ever dated (or pursued) someone your parent(s) said you weren't allowed to? Describe the situation and your reaction to it.
- Do you have a troublemaker in the family? How does your family react to this troublemaker?