

Bristol High School English Department

2022-23 Summer Reading/Writing Assignment for Incoming Grade 12 Students

Although the Bristol Borough English Department encourages students to choose, read, and explore books this summer, the required summer assignment for incoming seniors involves writing. In particular, students should prewrite and draft a personal essay in response to one of the 2022-2023 College Common Application Essay Prompts. Of course, students are free to draft a response to a different prompt as it relates to a specific college application or post-high school goal.

The Grade 12 summer writing assignment will be introduced to students by Grade 11 teachers in June. When seniors return to school in September, the summer writing draft will be submitted on each student's English 12 Google Classroom and assessed as prewriting for the first major essay completed in the first marking period. In other words, a more formal personal essay will be completed as part of a processed writing unit with a proper feedback loop and multiple student revisions.

This is the assignment required of all incoming seniors at BHS, regardless of college/career plans beyond 2023. Personal essay-writing is a real-life skill needed for the college essay, scholarship applications, and/or a cover letter for a job. The final draft of this assignment will be a 100-point assessment grade for all senior student in their English class.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Peltier, Mrs. Renard, or Mrs. Werner if you have any questions or concerns.

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*Assignment and Assessment (for incoming Grade 12):

For video tutorials on this piece of writing, visit the YouTube Channel below:

College Essay Academy: Everything You Need to Know About Writing the College Essay

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIohDgavxzCagTsDM36i6SdjPLrVcS-ze>

Additional books on college essay writing are available for your review at the school and public libraries.

Next, prewrite and draft a response (approximately 500 words) to one of the 2022-2023 Common Application Essay Prompts on the next page.

These prompts are also available on the Common Application website:

<https://www.commonapp.org/blog/2022-2023-common-app-essay-prompts>

Below is the full set of **essay prompts for 2022-2023**. We will also retain the [optional COVID-19](#) question within the Additional Information section.

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.