Writing Assignment
Personal Essay

Directions:
1. Read all of these directions before beginning the assignment.
2. In the Writing section of your notebook, skip a line from the previous entry and write, “Personal Essay”, centered on the page, as the title for the assignment. Write the date to the right of the title.
3. Read the prompts below. Choose one that is significant to you, on a personal level, and write it on the page. Being significant, on a personal level, means that this is an issue with which you have struggled or with which you are currently struggling.
4. Write a personal essay, including an introduction and conclusion, about the topic. The number of body paragraphs will depend on what you have to say about the prompt. Your essay must be a minimum of 300 words in length.
5. Re-read what you have written, making any necessary changes or corrections. This should be your BEST work.
6. Mark the date on which you completed the assignment on your work plan.
7. Turn your notebook into your mailbox as soon as you finish the assignment, but no later than the due date listed on your work plan.

Prompts:
1. What is the importance of focus in a classroom, and why is it necessary to complete (start and finish) tasks and assignments?
2. How can you avoid conflict, even if someone else is trying to start it?
3. What does it mean to have respect for self, peers, teachers, administrators, custodians, and authority, in general? Why is this important?
4. Why is the use of profanity, racial slurs, sexist comments, and other abusive language unacceptable? How does this impact the community?
5. How and why is education important in life?
6. What is the danger in setting bad habits? How can we turn those bad habits we have formed around and develop good habits?
7. What does it mean to be self-disciplined and what is the importance of self-discipline?
8. What kinds of things are considered classroom disruptions? What are the consequences of classroom disruption? How can you refrain from doing this?