



College Composition Assignment – Summer 2019

The College Composition Summer Assignment will be **two parts** that are based on the reflective response prompts from the *Common Application*.

Part I: Compose an essay based on **one** of the *Common Application* reflective response prompts. Write a full five-paragraph essay that is a minimum of two (2) pages. Your essay should be a Google Doc in standard academic format (Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins). The reflective response prompts are as follows:

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. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
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.

Part II: Read the two memoirs listed below.

1. *Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx* by Sonia Manzano
2. *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee

Using evidence from both memoirs, write an essay that relates the experiences of the main character from each memoir to one of the reflective response prompts. The prompt you choose may or may not be the same one you chose for your Part I essay. Your essay should be a minimum of three (3) pages and should be a Google Doc in standard academic format (Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced, one-inch margins).

Instructions for Submitting Essays

Part I – College Application Essay

You must email this essay to meyerend@nazarethrhs.org by Friday, September 6, 2019.

Part II – Memoir Essay

You must submit this essay to Turnitin.com by midnight on Friday, September 6, 2019.

- Name of class: College Composition 2019
- Class ID: 21438838
- Enrollment key: COMP

Please note the following:

- You are expected to read the books and present your own ideas.
- If you use a summary from the Internet and/or present ideas from the Internet as your own, you will receive a “0.”
- If you submit an essay with passages that were copied and pasted or paraphrased from the Internet, you will receive a “0.”



Both essays must be submitted electronically by midnight on Friday, September 6, 2019.

If the essays are not submitted on time, you will receive a “0.”

No excuse will be accepted. You must find a working computer or other electronic device so you can submit your essays on time. You can come to school to use a computer if needed.