

Mrs. Dawson's English/Language Arts Class

Name:

Rough Draft due:

Hour:

"My Personal Michigan Hero" Essay Requirements and Rubric

- 1) Typed, double spaced: _____
- 2) Font Size: 12-point Font Style: Arial/Times New Roman or equivalent: _____
- 3) Indented new paragraphs: _____
- 4) Proper heading and title (See whiteboard for example) : _____
- 5) Presentation/appearance of work: Be neat. _____
- 6) Ideas and Content:
 - Narrowed topic _____
 - Used details to support your point _____
 - Used the five senses to describe _____
- 7) Organization:
 - Hooked your audience with a strong lead. _____
 - Linked ideas together, and guided your audience with transitions. _____
 - Ended with a bang! _____
- 8) Voice:
 - Original with ideas. _____
 - Made writing "come alive" with feeling and emotion _____
 - Brought your personality and the subject's personality out in your writing _____
- 9) Word Choice:
 - Selected words that fit your purpose _____
 - Used clear and colorful language to convey mood _____
 - Used powerful verbs and strong adjectives _____
- 10) Sentence Fluency:
 - Varied/changed sentence length and structure. _____
 - Started sentence with a variety of first words. _____
 - Made smooth transitions between sentences and paragraphs. _____
 - Read aloud for flow and rhythm. _____
- 11) Conventions:
 - Followed grammar, spelling and capitalization rules _____
 - Used correct punctuation. _____

- Hunted down errors. _____

12) Reading Ease and Interest: _____

Other Guidelines/Reminders:

- Do not wait until the last minute to start this essay.
- Your personal hero must be someone you actually know.
- The rough draft must be typed. Due at the beginning of the hour Friday, 10-13-17.
- **Incomplete rough drafts will not be accepted/graded.**
- Use the attached rubric to guide you in creating your rough draft.
- If you're not working in Google Docs, save your draft onto your hard-drive and/or a USB drive. You will need to make revisions to your work after your writer's conference with Mrs. Dawson.
- Print your draft out at home/elsewhere. You will not be allowed to print during English class or during any other class period.
- Do not email your paper to Mrs. Dawson.
- No computer and/or printer at home? Please make arrangements to go to the library or to a relative's or friend's home to complete this assignment.
- Late Policy: -20% if not submitted during the beginning of class on the due date.
- Because Mrs. Dawson will begin conducting one-on-one writer's conferences with individual students, soon after the due date of your paper, you will not be able to submit your rough draft more than 2 days late. Your rough draft is due Friday, 10-13-17. Writer's conferences begin on the same day. Tus, Wednesday, 10-18-17 is the late deadline to submit your rough draft.
- You will be given 3 class dates based upon your writer's conference date to submit your typed revision.
- Your revision will receive a final grade based upon the numeric categories listed and explained on the attached rubric. Your revision will be worth 150-200 points.