HOMEWORK. Essays are due on the specified date. Each is worth 25 points. Review the 6-Traits of Writing as you write your narrative essays: IDEAS, ORGANIZATION, VOICE, WORD CHOICE, SENTENCE FLUENCY, and CONVENTIONS. ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED and at least one, double-spaced page long. Use Times New Roman (or similar font) 12-point font, with one-inch margins (as to comply with MLA (Modern Language Association) writing standards).

As you write, remember your story will be scored based on how well you:
- develop a multi-paragraph response to the assigned topic that clearly communicates the purpose of your story to the audience.
- describe the characters, setting, and conflict using meaningful sensory descriptions and details that enable the reader to visualize the experiences in your narrative.
- organize your story in a clear and logical manner, including a beginning, middle and end.
- use well-structured sentences and language that are appropriate for your audience.
- edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.

Essay #1 Due: August 26th or 27th

A Memorable Childhood Event

Think of a childhood event that you remember vividly. It might be the first time you rode on a school bus, the day you played in an important Little League game, the day you learned to ride a bike, or another memorable event.

Write a story about the event. Describe what happened and explain why it was so memorable. Tell your story in an interesting way to engage the reader. Remember to make sure the reader has enough details about your experience so he or she can picture it in his or her mind. Remember all essays must be typed.

Essay #2 Due September 2nd or 3rd

A Meaningful Song

When you want to listen to music, you turn on the radio or your MP3 player, iPod, or take out one of your favorite CDs. Many times, listening to a particular song can bring back memories of a particular time, event, or person in your life. When you hear your favorite songs, what are your thoughts, emotions, memories, mood?

Write a story about the memories which one or more favorite songs bring to mind. XC if you
bring an appropriate song to play for the class AND read your essay aloud.

Essay # 3 Due: September 10th or 11th
Write an essay about where you were and how you felt when the “9-11” attacks took place.

Essay #3  Due:  September 17th or 18th
A Letter to Your Grandchildren: The World Today
Today's world is radically different from the world into which your grandparents were born and lived their lives. Profound changes in the economy, social atmosphere, and technological realm have occurred over the last few decades. You may recall stories that your grandparents told you about the world in which they lived. Can you imagine the stories about your world that you will one day recount to your grandchildren?

In a well-written essay, write a letter to your grandchildren that they will open in fifty years in which you describe what the world is like right now. Be sure to include specific details and examples to make it vivid for your readers.

Essay #4: My ACCESS LAB—September 21st-25th
You will have one full class period to work in the lab at school.
Review the prompt. Your goal is to hit a 5 or Superb 6 (prizes available).

October 1st and 2nd: Enjoy your week off. No essay due!

Essay #5  Due:  October 8th or 9th
Create Your Own Fable
Aesop's fables use animals and fanciful settings to highlight different aspects of the human condition and to teach important moral lessons. If you were to create a modern-day fable, what characters would you use? What lesson would you teach?

In a detailed essay, create your own fable in which the characters must learn an important lesson about life. Be sure that your story contains all of the elements included in a meaningful fable.