Senior Writing Portfolio Essay
Senior Year in Review

Write an essay in which you reflect on your entire senior year experience.

Start by describing your thoughts and goals at the beginning of the year. Were you excited to start your last year of high school? Were you stressed or anxious about your courses and the college application process? Were you experiencing an early onset of senioritis? Explore your feelings and expectations when school started.

Recount the progression of events through each month or term. How did your feelings, goals, expectations, stress levels change? What key moments do you remember most? Highlight the ups and downs of this year. Do you remember doing something for the last time and did you experience relief or sadness or a little of both? Did you achieve something or accomplish something this year?

Discuss your journey through the process of choosing your post-high-school plans. Did you visit any colleges, trade schools, or military recruiters? Describe the application process and writing your college essay. Discuss the anticipation of hearing from the colleges or institutions to which you applied. Discuss the struggles in making a decision about what to do next year.

End by discussing how the year is winding down. Anticipate the prom, senior week, AP exams, graduation, summer plans, etc. Reflect on your journey and your own personal growth (don’t forget this part).

Guidelines:
Typed, double-spaced, in google classroom
1 and ½ - 2 pages max

Your tone should be formal, but not “stuffy” or artificial.
Vary your types of sentences and word choices.
Use imagery and figurative language where appropriate.
Use transition words, phrases; present ideas in a logical order.
Edit for correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Due: May 1st at 5pm in google classroom. Make sure to hit the button to make it official.