**Name ACROSTIC**

1) Write your first name vertically on a piece of paper.

2) Jot down some words that would define you (personality, hobbies, sports, etc.)

The words must be POSITIVE and APPROPRIATE.

3) Take each letter of your name and put a NOUN with the same first letter. Use a

dictionary or thesaurus (or phone) to find synonyms that match the letter you need (for example, if you do not have an F in your name, you cannot use the word “friendly,” but you can use “amiable” if you have an A.)

**EXAMPLE**

1) R

O

W  
E

L

L

2) Optimistic, outgoing, talkative, friendly, emotional, energetic, smart, crochet, Project Linus, Medieval Times Club, writing, smiling, married, yellow, purple, mom Nana, sister, twenty,

3)

R -- reader

O -- optimist  
W -- writer  
E -- energy  
L -- learner  
L -- Linus

**FIRST WEEK ESSAY ASSIGNMENT**

Write a 5 paragraph letter to your younger self, giving yourself two pieces of advice with evidence of having learned this (can be something you did wrong and learned from or something you have done right and how it has helped—or one of each), and goals w/ a plan to achieve those goals.

**Paragraph 1)** Introduce the assignment. For example . . . “Dear younger self, my crazy English teacher has invented a time machine and is going to let me travel back in time to give you a letter that should help you.”

**Paragraph 2)** Give your first piece of advice with an anecdote (little story) about how you learned this, how it impacted you, etc.

**Paragraph 3)** Give your second piece of advice with an anecdote (little story) about how you learned this, how it impacted you, etc.

**Paragraph 4)** Discuss you short term goals (graduation) and long term goals (college, trade school, career, etc.). Give details about why you have chosen your career and how prepared you feel to be finishing high school this year and embarking on the next stage of your life.

**Paragraph 5)** Close your letter. For example . . . “Well, I have to end this letter now because my teacher is revving the engine of the time machine. I hope you . . .”