**Autobiography Project **

Examination of the Self Project  
 Throughout the year, a constant theme that reoccurred in many of the works that we covered was an examination of the self. We could see this theme in works such as *The Crucible*, "Tom Walker", and most notably in *Self-Reliance*, *Walden,* *Ethan Frome*, and obviously in the *Narrative of Frederick Douglass*.  
  
 For this assignment you will explore this theme and examine yourself by creating and writing an autobiography. You will write and create a visual autobiography. This autobiography will be unique because in it you will be examining yourself as an individual.

**You must COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS 1 and 2.**

**I. Assignment 1 (50 points)**

Similarly to Thoreau and Douglass, you are to reflect on your life and write about the experiences in your life in at least **three to four pages.**

**For this assignment you are to write a short autobiography reflecting about your life experiences.**

**- Describe yourself from birth until now. (30 points)**

* **Describe yourself as a child until now.**
* **Describe who you were, who you are now, and how would you like to be in the future.**

**\* Where do you see yourself in 10 years from now? Explain.**

**- Choose your favorite unit that we have covered thus far and connect an author, idea, theme, or unit to your life experiences. (20 points)**

**- Explain how your life is similar to a specific author, work, idea, or theme that we covered.**

**- Explain what you learned about this author, work, idea, or theme.**

**\*Autobiography must be typed in MLA format.\***

**Units**

I**. Puritanism**

*The Scarlet Letter, The Crucible,* "The Minister's Black Veil," "From Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"

**II. Power of the Human Spirit and Individualism (Transcendentalism)**

Any work by Ralph Waldo Emerson (Self-Reliance), Henry David Thoreau (Civil Disobedience, Walden), Robert Frost (poems), Emily Dickinson)

**III. Romanticism**

(Any work by Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, Washington Irving)

**IV. A Nation Divided**

(William Shakespeare (The Tragedy of Julius Caesar), The Narrative of Frederick Douglass, etc.)

**V. The Age of Realism**

(Ethan Frome and American Short stories)

**II. Assignment Two (50 points)**  
For this part of the assignment you are to create a visual representation of your autobiography! This part of the assignment must contain at least **8 slides about your autobiography. You may include more slides if you wish; however, you must have a minimum of 8 slides in your presentation.**

**Slide 1(Mandatory Slide) (5 points)**

For this slide you are to think of 6 to 10 words that describe your lifestyle at this current moment. After you have your words, you are to include an image or a collection of images that describe you. (See examples on the next page.)

**Slides 2-6 (25 points)**

For these slides you are free to include any events and/or details from your autobiography. Use the prewriting sheet to submit what you want to include for approval.

\*You cannot include inappropriate images in your presentations. The images/events/ideas that you include in your prewriting sheet **MUST** be in your final presentation to receive full points.\*

- For this part of the project you have to be creative!

- Remember that for this part of the project should reflect who you are, what you like to do, your dislikes, your favorite sports, your favorite television shows, hobbies, etc.

- Be creative and add images, music, backgrounds, animations, etc.

**Slide7( 10 points)**

For this slide you are to depict your favorite unit/author/theme/idea that we covered in the class and explain how it relates to your life.

- Why was this your favorite unit/author/theme/idea?

- How can this unit/idea/author/theme relate to your life?

- What valuable lesson did you take from this unit/idea/author/theme?

**Slide 8 (10 points)**

For this slide I want you to look into the future and depict your life 10 years from now.

- How do you see yourself in 10 years?

- What do you see yourself doing?

- What profession do you see yourself in?

-Describe how you see your future and life 10 years from now.

**III. Grammar (30 points)**

Minimal run-on sentences, fragments, proper capitalization, and subject-verb agreement.

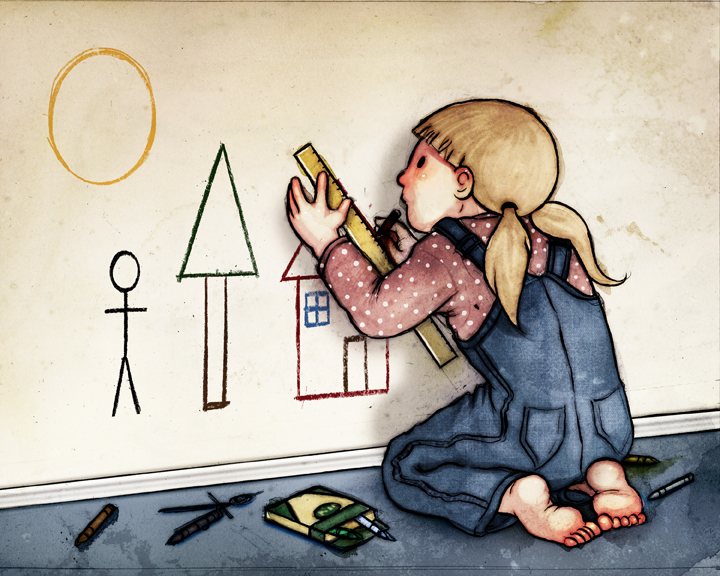
**IV. Creativity (20 points)**

The presentation uses various images, music, sounds, animations, and graphics. The presentation is presented in a very creative manner.

**Total points:\_\_\_\_/100 points**

**Examples for slide 1**

Nothing can ever be good enough.



Even then, she kept on going...

Tonight is forever, we beat them.



**No One Word Can Describe Me**

