

Writing Your Own Bucket List

Senior Portfolio Task #1

Directions: You are tasked with a two-page essay which includes five of the most important items on your life's "Bucket List". A Bucket List consists of things you would like to accomplish before you leave this world; traveling the globe, skydiving, writing a novel or running a marathon qualify. Most importantly though is that these items should be significant to your life's journey and where you see yourself heading. Think of them as personal goals. This essay should be written in MLA format, typed and double-spaced. This essay should include an introduction and conclusion and as many body paragraphs as it takes to explain, describe and detail your Bucket List items.

Things to consider:

1. Bucket list items should be significant. Graduating high school should NOT be on your list. My hope is that you expect, through hard work, to graduate high school. It should not be a dream of yours to graduate high school—it is a given!
2. Consider organizing your list into categories: immediate, short term and long term.
3. Ask yourself whether your list has a certain theme to it: adventurous, ambitious, intellectual etc.
4. Remember that you only have two pages, so use detail, but do not over-describe. Respect the page limit.

Writing tips:

1. This is your first take-home writing assignment. Please write to your best ability.
2. Do not use contractions
3. Proof read your work and make sure you have limited errors.
4. Turn it in ON TIME!

Scoring: 50 points

15 points for Style: Apparent voice within essay, fluid sentence structure and syntax, detailed, but not overdone.

15 points for Content: Includes five items and organizes the essay in a fluid and logical manner. The work is seamless and sequential.

10 points for Mechanics: MLA format, strong punctuation, varying sentences, proper spelling

10 points for presentation: You will also be responsible for presenting three of your items in class.