

## Sunday Dec. 15th 6PM

You will be writing an in-class creative essay on Wednesday. To prep for that, complete the following outline. Remember, the theme all week is **choices**. The outline is worth 20%.

**I**      **Setting:** Describe in detail where and when your story takes place. (100 words)

**II**      **Main character:**

**1. Name, Age**

**2. Physical Description**

- Height, build, and posture
- Hair, eye color, and other distinguishing features
- Clothing style and accessories

**3. Background**

- Place of birth and current location
- Cultural/ethnic identity
- Family structure and relationships

**5. Core Traits**

- Three to five defining characteristics (e.g., optimistic, stubborn)
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Values and Beliefs
- Quirks and Habits
- Emotional or psychological needs
- Desires for self-improvement or acceptance

**6. Childhood experiences**

- Family, friends, mentors, and rivals

**7. Romantic interests or partners**

**8. Secrets**

**9. Fears and Weaknesses**

**10. Likes and Dislikes**

- Favorite foods, hobbies, or pastimes
- Pet peeves or things they avoid

### **III - Plot outline**

#### **Intro**

1. Setting the Scene
  - Where and when does the story take place?
2. Foreshadow the Conflict
  - Drop hints about challenges or the central conflict.

#### **Body**

1. Journey Begins
  - The protagonist takes the first steps to confront the conflict.
2. Challenges and Obstacles
  - Include escalating problems, twists, or enemies.
3. Inner Conflict
  - Show the protagonist's doubts, fears, or internal struggles.

#### **Climax**

1. The Turning Point
2. The Big Conflict
  - Action, tension, and emotions peak here.

#### **Conclusion**

1. Final Outcomes
  - Does the protagonist succeed or fail in their goals?
  - What has changed in their life and the world?
  - Leave the reader with a sense of closure or anticipation.
  - Echo themes, circle back to the beginning, or provide a final twist.