

### Assignment 3: Write a Reflective Essay

Students will **choose one (1)** of the two prompts below and will write an essay that strongly supports their thesis. Students will be graded on the criteria in the rubric below. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman font, two pages in length and completed in a Google Doc. (You will upload your doc into the Canvas “Reflective Essay Turn In” when finished.)  
*A reflective essay focuses on the writer, and their experiences. Your thesis/focus will be what you learned in the ordinary moment, or what time means to you in your life.*

#### Choose One (1):

- Ordinary moments can shape a person or the world. In this essay, write about an ordinary moment that shaped you or the world as you know it.  
*-In this essay you should not only explain the moment, but it's impact on your life or the world. Is there a specific moment/event that taught you something about yourself or the world?*
- We've often heard the expression, “Time is of the essence,” meaning something needs to be done in a timely manner or quickly. In this essay, explore the meaning of “time” as it pertains to your life.  
*-In this essay you should write about how time impacts your life. Do you think time is something to treasure and value? Does age determine how one values time?*

**Rubric:** write an reflective essay of sufficient length that includes

Essay must include:	Notes/Reminders	Possible points
-effective introductory and concluding paragraphs and a variety of sentence structures.	-Introduction gets the reader's attention with elevated sentences -Conclusion wraps up the essay by bringing the claim and its supporting details full circle	20
-includes rhetorical devices, and transitions between paragraphs.	-essay demonstrates overall use of ethos, pathos, and logos together in an effort to create a strong answer to the prompt/claim -essay uses transitions between paragraphs that connect ideas throughout the essay	20
-includes a thesis or controlling idea. -includes relevant evidence and well-chosen details.	-the thesis/controlling idea/claim is specific and insightful -essay supports the thesis with relevant and insightful details/examples	20
-an organizing structure appropriate to purpose, audience, and context.	-essay uses one of the following organizing structures: compare/contrast, description, cause/effect, problem-solution	20
-proper usage of grammar and mechanics  -essay is two pages in length (completed in a Google Doc.)	The following are well-controlled throughout the essay; capitalization, punctuation, spelling, complete sentences.	20