

**Extra credit opportunity:
End-of-Year Letter**

If you are interested in either the chance to gain extra credit points, or reflect on your freshman year, you may do so with this assignment. First, you will pick which of the three letter prompts below that you are interested in. Then, create a Microsoft Word document. Title it “Last Name EOY Letter” and share it with me. You must explicitly state which of the letter options you chose in the document. In order to receive the full ten points of extra credit, you must write in thoughtful, full sentences. Be reflective about your challenges, the ways you’ve grown, the struggles you’ve had, and the positive moments as well. Be kind to yourself and to others. Submit this to me on or before Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 in order to be eligible for extra credit. Requirements:

- I have used friendly letter format.
- I have included my first and last name.
- I have written at least three separate paragraphs, using complete sentence format.
- I have used transitions to make my writing flow smoothly.
- I have clearly labeled which of the three letters I chose.
- I have been reflective, honest, helpful, and kind, and school appropriate.

Letter Option #1: A letter to an incoming freshman

In this letter, you will be writing to a student who is about to go through what you’ve just gone through (hopefully minus the worldwide pandemic). Now that you have nearly finished your freshman year, consider the best advice you’ve acquired and what is most important to know as you enter high school. If you are interested, I will share your letter with one of my students next year.

Consider these questions:

- What is helpful advice for an incoming high school freshman?
- What do you wish you knew when you entered high school?
- What did you learn and how?
- What are the most important “survival tips”?
- What is something they can most look forward to?

Letter Option #2: A letter to my future self

This form of letter has a bit of the time capsule element to it. I will hold on to these letters until they graduate from high school, and if you are interested, I will share it with you once you graduate.

In terms of the letter, you may want to address these questions:

- What would you want to say to your future self?
- What about this year would you want to remember?
- What are things that are important to you now?
- What are you proud of?
- What do you wish could change?

Letter Option #3: A letter to my English teacher next year

For this form of letter, I want you to answer the question “If you had a chance to write a letter to your teacher next year, what would you want to say?” This is a chance to share a bit about yourself, about the work that you have done, and about what you would love to be able to do next year. You can think back to the types of things you shared with me in the letter you wrote during the beginning of the year. If you are interested, I will share your letter with your next year’s English teacher. Questions that you might want to address in the letter include:

- What work have you done that you are particularly proud of? Why?
- What are some questions you have about next year?
- What do you really hope you get to do next year in class?
- What is something that you would like to get better at?