

**Senior English – All Classes**  
Delaware Military Academy  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2017**

All **SENIOR CADETS** (CP English, HONORS English, Dual Enrollment) are expected to read the following book over the summer: ***Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps, Second Edition: Crafting a Winning Personal Statement***

Additionally, cadets need to **submit a draft of their common application essay by the FIRST DAY OF CLASSES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.** [NOTE: EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENGLISH FIRST SEMESTER OR HAVE DUAL ENROLLMENT 101 WITH MRS. BRADLEY, YOU STILL NEED TO TURN IN YOUR ESSAY DRAFT TO MRS. FACCENDA ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.]

Select ONE of the following to answer and construct a draft using the information you received from reading the book. *Make sure you pick a prompt to answer that “speaks” to you, that you are familiar with, that inspires you, that you will be comfortable answering. THIS ASSIGNMENT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING COLLEGE.*

**2017-2018 Common Application Essay Prompts**

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. [No change from last year]
2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? [Revised from last year]
3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*? [Revised from last year]
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, or an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution. [No change from last year]
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others*. [Revised from last year]
6. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?* [New from last year]
7. *Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.* [New from last year]

**First semester cadets will start off the semester with the essay as a graded writing project. Second Semester and Dual Enrollment 101 Senior Cadets will make appointments to meet one-on-one with Mrs. Faccenda, during or after school hours, about their drafts. The grade attached to this assignment will be in the form of a test on *Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps*.**

Please address any questions about the above assignment to: Mrs. Faccenda at [ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us](mailto:ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us)