**2024 Writing Entry Prompts**

**Writing Entry Prompt 1**

As part of a Presidential campaign, one of the candidates will be spending a day in your hometown, and you have been chosen to host and lead this candidate on a tour of the town. **Write a feature article to your local newspaper to be published after the tour is finished, sharing your experience and explaining your choice of places, as well as their significance to you, your community and your region.** Hint: Consider how taking part in your tour will help the candidate become a stronger leader for all Americans. Assuming that the readers know the places, do not spend valuable space describing in detail each place.

**Writing Entry Prompt 2**

Notable Kentucky contemporary writer Wendell Berry has stated “Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone.” **Using an issue important in the life of your community (small or big community), discuss the validity of this quotation in terms of your sense of belonging and discovering.** Hint: Choose a specific issue rather than a generic one and incorporate your ideas in support of a balanced or a radical approach.

**Writing Entry Prompt 3**

It is the year 2080 and your autobiography is already a bestseller. An important part of that 300-page masterpiece was the fact that you talked about the people who inspired you. **Choosing one person whose ideas inspired and impacted you, write the page of your autobiography that describes the inspiring ideas and concepts of the individual that shaped who you are now and helped you create an extraordinary personal and professional trajectory.** Hint: Do not spend most of your essay describing the person’s biographical accomplishments; what is important to us is the inspiring ideas and what they reveal about you.

**Writing Entry Prompt 4**

Leaders are valued in different ways across political, economic, and civic organizations. Ultimately, a leader’s choices have a great impact on an institution, community, country, etc. **What do you think are the most important elements of leadership and why? What element of leadership do you lack, and how do you plan to develop it?** Hint: Do not spend too long listing elements of leadership. Instead, write about your anticipated growth as an aspiring leader.

**Writing Entry Prompt 5**

Visual representations in all types of media are, consciously or otherwise, influencing our personal images, goals, and identities. **Choose one of these concepts and write an essay in which you examine movie, TV, or social media representations and what positive lessons the public can learn from these representations: age, health, travel, music.** Hint:Using a specific example, focus on the positive impact the visual images have on society, without utilizing valuable space to describe the movie, TV, or social media representations in more detail than you need to discuss your viewpoint.

**Writing Entry Prompt 6**

Choose one person whose ideas inspire you – a modern person or a person from another era – but who you have never met and imagine that you have the opportunity to meet and interview the person at their place during a brief period. **Basing your choice on the ideas that inspire you, who would you choose and why the inspiring ideas make this an ideal interviewee? What one important concept would you focus upon in the interview and what insights will you expect to gain?** Hint: Do not spend most of your essay describing the person and their biographical accomplishments; what is important to us is the inspiring ideas and what they reveal about you.