**Personal Narrative Prompts**

1. [Challenges] Everyone has problems or challenges to overcome. What obstacles are you proud to have faced and conquered?

2. [The Good and the Bad] Think about an event in your life that seemed bad but turned out to be good. Maybe you got injured and while you were waiting for your broken leg to heal, you learned how to use a computer. What makes the event change from bad to good may be something that you learned as a result, something that you did differently as a result, or something that happened that wouldn't have occurred otherwise.

3. [Standing Up] Choose a time when you did something that took a lot of nerve, a time when you didn't follow the crowd or a time when you stood up for your beliefs. Perhaps your friends were urging you to do something that you were uncomfortable with and you chose not to cave into peer pressure. Maybe you took a stance on a political issue that was important in your community, or you might have.

4. [Moment of Epiphany] Have you ever experienced a moment of epiphany, as if your eyes were opened to something you were previously blind to? Describe this moment and how it affected you.

# Outline Format

Please remember to only use ideas, topics and phrases. Remember, the outline is a framework, so I do not expect to see the entire essay written as the outline.

1. Introduction

## Thesis Statement (This should suggest the chosen topic and is a complete sentence).

1. Concluding Thought
2. 1st Body Paragraph

## Topic sentence

1. 1st Supporting Detail/Idea
2. 2nd Supporting Detail/Idea
3. 3rd Supporting Detail/Idea
4. Concluding Thought

You must have at least 3 body paragraphs. They will all follow the same outline format as II.

~V. Conclusion

## Reworded Thesis Statement (A complete sentence).

1. Final Reflection on topic
2. Clincher/Tie-back to Motivator

**Brainstorming Directions**

1. The chosen essay topic goes in a bubble at the middle of the page.

2. At least 3 “ideas for paragraphs” bubbles will come off of your center topic bubble.

3. Each “idea for paragraph” bubble should will have at least 3 “supporting” bubbles.

4. You need not write complete sentences; however, they should be detailed enough to clearly convey your ideas.