**English 12 Writing Assessment Prompt Suggestions**

1. Henry Ford once said that “Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.”   Write a well-developed essay in which you evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
2. William Faulkner said, “Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors.  Try to be better than yourself.”  Write a well-developed essay in which you evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk, or ethical dilemma.  Show how the experience made you “better than yourself.”
3. Albert Einstein said, “Try not to be a man of success, but rather try to be a man of value.”  Write a well-developed essay in which you show how you are a person “of value” by writing about a significant experience, achievement, risk, or ethical dilemma in your life.
4. Pearl Buck said, “If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.”  If you could be a “fly on the wall” to observe any situation -- historical, personal, or otherwise -- describe what you would choose to observe and why. Write a well-developed essay that describes what would you hope to learn and how would it benefit you?
5. “What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.” –Ralph Waldo Emerson

What is your view on the idea of the importance of what lies within a person?  In a well-developed essay, support your position by discussing an example or examples from reading, the arts, science, and technology, current events, or your own experiences.

1. In 1959, C.P. Snow, a former scientist turned novelist, gave a controversial lecture called “The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution.”  He was still controversial in 1971 when he told a *New York Times* interviewer, “Technology is a queer thing.  It brings you great gifts with one hand, and it stabs you in the back with the other.”  Again, he expressed the ambivalence people feel about technology.”

Source: C.P. Snow, *New York Times.* 15 March 1971.

What is your view of the idea that technology has many positive benefits as well as dangerous consequences?  In a well-developed essay, support your position by discussing examples from reading, the arts, science, technology, current events, or your own experiences.