

## Diagnostic Writing Assignment

Grades 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Prompt:

What is *one thing* you would like me to know about you that will help me understand who you are? Consider your background, personal identity, a special interest, or a talent that is highly meaningful and really captures who you are. Write an essay that describes this characteristic, why it is a significant reflection of who you are, and how it will help me better understand you.

### Instructions:

You will have 45 minutes to construct a thorough and well-written response to this prompt. You may use the space below to plan your writing. When you are ready, begin to write or type your essay according to your teacher's instructions.

To be sure that your writing is the best it can be, keep the following criteria in mind:

- **Details** (the rich and interesting ideas in your writing)
- **Organization** (the way you order your writing and make it easy to follow)
- **Style** (the way you put your own personality and feelings into your writing)
- **Conventions/Mechanics** (the rules of writing, such as sentences, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling)