## English 9 – Initial Writing Assignment Ms. Tate

Welcome to English 9! The purpose of this first writing assignment is to:

* Help me to get to know you better: what you like; what interests you; what inspires you etc.
* Get an initial assessment of your writing abilities:
	+ Content (how creative and original are your ideas?)
	+ The mechanics of writing (sentence structure, spelling, correct word usage – are you editing your work?)
	+ Style – the writer’s voice. How is your writing voice unique? Do you use comparisons (simile, metaphor, personification) examples, humour and/or descriptive language?
	+ Structure – your writing has a clear beginning, middle and end.
* Hyperlink images that symbolically represent some of your [ideas](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cetate%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5C7SMLN2PL%5CCreative%20ideas%20pic.docx).

You have 2 different options for this assignment:

1. You are going to create a digital scrapbook of your summer, your passion, whatever it is that inspires you. Maybe you love basketball; give me a history, perhaps you are passionate about collecting something; share it…this is a focus on descriptive writing, so engage the 5 senses. You must have a minimum of 5 (just like the senses) brief descriptive phrases or small paragraphs to clearly describe what you are sharing.
2. You are going to create a collage and separately write a descriptive, chunky paragraph describing your collage.
3. Here are the particulars:
* You must write a minimum of 5 different descriptions, about 300 words.
* You must imbed whatever you choose from above (video, picture, visual prompt, song and/or performance of it) into your document.
* Hyperlink some of your text to reinforce the [symbolic imagery](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cetate%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5C7SMLN2PL%5CI%20love%20writing.docx).
* The value of this assignment is 15 marks (holistically marked according to the criteria above)

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* Go to insert and follow the instructions below

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