**CONGRATULATIONS! You have chosen to opt out of the SAGE.**

**However, since we can’t have you running willy-nilly in the hallways and/or wreaking havoc with your tomfoolery, this is your assignment:**

**Narrative writing** is a type of writing that requires you to tell a story that describes an event or relates a personal experience. A good narrative should have convincing characters, a plot, and a theme. You will encounter these types of essays as you begin applying for college and throughout your college experience.

You will be required to write throughout the entire class, just as your classmates will be doing. You are free to choose from any of the prompts below — you may choose one, or you may choose multiple — but you MUST write until the bell rings. Write on a Google doc and share the file with me before you leave the room today.

**Narrative writing prompts:**

* What's a song that brings back memories for you? Listen to the song USING HEADPHONES (if you don't have a recording, you can probably find it on Youtube.com), and travel back in your mind to a time that it makes you remember. Spend a few minutes inside that memory, reliving it in as much detail as possible. Then write about that memory, trying to recreate it on the page.
* Write about a conversation that had an impact on your life. Show the scene where the conversation happened, and try to reconstruct parts of the dialogue word-for-word on the page so that readers can "hear" it first-hand.
* Look at a photograph of your family (on Facebook or your phone). What memories does it bring back? Focus on one of the memories, trying to recall sounds, smells, and other sensations, as well as what things looked like. Then write about it, recreating the scene for the reader.
* What personal achievements make you proud? List some, explain the events, and then describe how these events helped shape your life and why they make you proud.
* What are some recent moments of happiness in your life? Relate them.
* What advice would you give younger kids about middle or high school? What have you learned in your teens? Share the experiences that helped you learn the life lessons you’d pass on.
* What can older people learn from your generation? Give some advice, and then explain why you are qualified to pass it along and why it is important for the older generation to know.
* Think back to a situation in your life where you had to decide between taking a risk and playing it safe. Which choice did you make? What was the outcome of your choice? Would you have made the same decision looking back on the experience or would you have made a different decision?
* What movie, poem, musical composition, or novel has most influenced your life and the way that you view the world? Why?
* Describe an experience that forever changed your life and your outlook on life.
* If you were given the ability to change one moment in your life, would you do so? Why or why not? If so, what moment would you change and why?
* What would you describe to be your most unique or special skill that differentiates you from everyone else?
* Describe some tasks that you have accomplished over the past two years that have no connection to academic studies.
* If you had the chance to have a 30-minute conversation with any person in human history (either living or deceased), who would be the person you choose? Why? What topics would you discuss with this person?
* If you were given the capability to travel back in time to any period in history, where would you head to and why?
* What do you consider to be the best advice you ever received? Who gave you that advice and did you follow that advice or not?
* What do you consider to be the most important political or social movement of the 20th century? Why?
* Choose one quotation that defines who you are and explain why that quotation describes you so well.
* How has the neighborhood you’ve grown up in molded you into the person you are today?
* Imagine that you have written a 400-page autobiography of your life to this point. What would page 150 of that autobiography say?
* Choose the invention that you think has had the most negative impact on our world and explain why you chose that invention.
* If you had the ability to read other people’s minds (a.k.a. telepathy), would you use this ability or not? Why?
* Tell a story that directly or indirectly illustrates the type of person you are.