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Portfolio Project: - Prompt 01

Prompt Overview: The objective of this first prompt is to encourage you to think about your goals as a student, and develop an action plan for success in the year ahead. In order to move forward toward setting your personal goals for success, however, you must first reflect on yourself, and on your past.

Directions: Our activity today is known as "prewriting" and is the first step in the writing process. Answer the questions below as honestly and specifically as you can. The information you provide will be the basis for a brief essay (Prompt 2) that you will draft during our next portfolio time.

List three words you would use to describe yourself:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ . 3.) _____ .

List three words that your family or friends would use to describe you:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ . 3.) _____ .

List three words that your teachers would use to describe you:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ . 3.) _____ .

Name two things you are really good at outside of school:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ .

Name two things that you are really good at when in school:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ .

Name two things that you don't like about school:

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ .

Name two things that you really like about school (*nothing* is not an acceptable answer):

1.) _____ . 2.) _____ .

In terms of your success as a student, describe two goals you hope to accomplish by January (Don't be wishy-washy; like, *I want to get good grades*. Be specific!):

1.) _____

2.) _____

Describe two obstacles or choices you made last year that had a negative effect on your academic success or previous goals as a student (again, please be specific):

1.) _____

2.) _____

In terms of your success as a student, describe two goals you hope to accomplish by June:

1.) _____

2.) _____

Describe two ways you will avoid previous obstacles to your success in the year ahead in order to achieve your goals:

1.) _____

2.) _____

Congratulations! You have taken the first step toward reaching your goals. It is widely agreed among many of the nation's wealthiest people that the simple act of writing down your goals greatly increases your chances of achieving them.