

# Newtown High School

## Summer 2015



### Incoming Seniors

# Personal Statement Outline Assignment

This outline activity is to help you create a rough draft for your personal statement. Please remember, your final goal is to write an essay that proves a single point. The reader must be able to find your main idea and follow it from beginning to end. Also, keep in mind; it is about showing who you are by telling a story. The final essay should be written in three basic parts: Introduction, Body, and Conclusion.

1. Choose one of the four topic examples (Note, these are common topics used by major colleges for the college application process.)
  - **Topic Example #1:** Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
  - **Topic Example #2:** Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
  - **Topic Example #3:** Indicate a person (factual or fictional) who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
  - **Topic Example #4:** A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix.

2. What do you like about the topic? (List two details below using several words, bullets or phrases.)

Detail 1

Detail 2

3. What do you need to share that is necessary to your story about the topic? (List two details below using several words, bullets or phrases.)

Detail 1

Detail 2

4. What two qualities or skills do you possess, which you can share with the reader about this topic? (List two qualities/skills below then describe those by using several words, bullets or phrases.)

Quality/Skill 1:

Description of Quality/Skill 1:

Quality/Skill 2:

Description of Quality/Skill 2:

5. What is the main idea/thesis of your essay: (Write one sentence)

6. Create a potential title for your essay: