**Transition Class Essay Assignment, Fall 2011**

**Assignment:** Write a five paragraph essay on one of the topics below. Imagine reading this essay to a group of your peers and the teacher in your class. This is your “audience” as you write.

* Build your essay around a main idea that is written in one very clear sentence. Include a strong introductory paragraph, supporting detail paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
* Tell more than the obvious facts that anyone might know or think. Use a logical sequence of information. Use solid examples to directly support your point—to show your readers what you want them to know.
* You will turn in a plan for the essay with your rough draft-- a Brainstorm or outline. Check the calendar for the due date.
* After receiving your corrected rough draft back, edit your essay and make a Final Draft. Check the calendar for the due date.
* Plan on reading your Final Draft to the class.

**Write on one of the following topics:**

* Tell about someone you consider a modern hero or heroine. Give the reasons.
* If you could invite an interesting guest to class to speak to us, who would it be? Why would you choose this person? Why would we enjoy or benefit from their visit?
* If you could interview a famous person, living or dead, who would it be, what questions would you ask them, what could you learn from them?
* Does a child need to have two parents who are equally responsible for raising them? Explain.