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**My Rule to Live By**

**This I Believe**

Directions:

* **Write a narrative essay using your own personal “rules to live by.”**
* Refer to the “This I Believe” NPR radio broadcasts as samples of what is expected in this essay.
* Create and follow the **outline** to guide your writing.
* Be sure to use **transitions** to show time and place.
* Use dialog to enhance your narrative.
* **Write in a mature and sophisticated manner.**
* Be sure that your final paragraph **concludes** and provides **closure** for your essay.
* Create a **rubric** to ensure that you include all that is required to make your story engaging and organized.
* Check your writing for:
  + spelling
  + capitalization of proper nouns
  + capitalization of the beginning of sentences
  + punctuation
  + indentation of each new paragraph
  + interesting word choice