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