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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