**Assumptions Paper**

Write a paper with at least five paragraphs identifying five things people might assume about you if they just looked at the superficial aspects of who you are. Then for each assumption give an example of how you really are.

Explain each assumption and the corresponding truth in a full paragraph, giving details and stories. If others would be correct in an assumption, given an example of how they are correct. If they are wrong, give an example of how you really are that is different from their assumption.

Your audience for this paper is your teacher and classmates. The purpose is to share insight into yourself. The voice and structure of this paper is more casual than some other papers—you should certainly use first-person voice, for example. However, this paper should still reflect serious effort and thought. Your final copy should be proofread and presentation-worthy (typed in double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font).

Ideas to Consider

Appearance

Dress

Car

House/Neighborhood

Etc.

Language (the way you speak, the things you say)

Who you hang out with

What you do in your free time

Group affiliation

Memberships in clubs, sports, groups

How others respond to you

How you respond to others

**Due Date: Wednesday, September 10**

**English 12 Grade Sheet: Assumptions Paper**

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| Category | Superior: 10 | Good: 9-8 | Developing: 7 | Not Yet: 6-5 |
| Ideas | Your paper shows a superior level of thoughtful insight and creative self-reflection. | Your paper presents personal insight and self-reflection. | Your paper shows some evidence of personal reflection. | Your paper shows little evidence of independent thought. |
| Development | Your paper thoroughly develops your ideas, presenting abundant, convincing evidence for each point. | Your paper includes examples or stories to develop each idea. | Your paper briefly or superficially explains each point. | Your paper does not develop your ideas. |
| Presentation | Your paper is professionally presented with a superior level of eloquence and polish. | Your paper is professionally presented. | Your paper is adequately presented with some minor errors or distractions. | Your paper is sloppy or hastily thrown together. |