Journals

1. “My Name”:

Many names have special meaning or history.

For example, the name Hannah means “favor” or “grace.”  The name Vito means “life.”

Write about your own name. Who named you? What does your name mean? Does it have a special ethnic or religious significance? Are you named after someone in your family? If you could change your name, would you? Why? Does your name fit your perceived identity?

1. American Dream:

“What is the American Dream? Is it different for different people? If so, who? What?”

1. *A Raisin in the Sun* character:

Complete a journal entry as a character from *A Raisin in the Sun*. What/how are you feeling about your family at the end of Act I? What do you believe should be done with the money? Why? What is your dream? Do you still believe your dream is possible?

1. Game:

This was a journal over a PowerPoint game. You will need to complete the following make up journal.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Do you know what you want to do for a career? If so, how did you decide this is what you want to do? If not, what sounds interesting to you? You may also discuss the goals you have for your life. What do you need to be doing right now in order to make these goals a possibility?

1. TKR Journal:

Part A:

How would you define the phrase “skeletons in your closet”? What does it mean when people say this? Why do you think people feel the need to hide certain things about their life? What type of things do people usually hide and from whom?

Part B:

Have you ever done something in the past that you are unable to forgive yourself for? What would it take for you to forgive yourself? If not, do you know anyone that carries the emotion of guilt with them? How do they act?

Part C:

What do you think the word redemption means? When do we usually hear this word used? Can you think of an example where you recently saw/experienced redemption? (This can be an example from the media or a personal example)

1. TKR Journal 2:

John Lennon once stated, “How you spend your days is how you spend your life.” Every thought in your head will ultimately turn into a choice and every choice, in turn evolves into action. Pretty much, every moment makes up who we are as individuals. If this is so, please reflect on your daily life: Have you ever stayed silent about an issue/conflict when you should have opened your mouth and stepped in? Have you ever witnessed a conflict and in your mind you knew it was wrong; however, you chose to stay out of it? Why? What are/were the repercussions of your choice to stay silent? Please leave out all names when responding to this.