

Name: _____ Period: _____ Date: _____

If you were here on the first day of school, I asked you to close read and annotate a passage from a book called *You are NOT Special* by David McCullough, Jr. Then I asked you to answer some questions. Review your responses.



Are all the statements you wrote about yourself still true? Explain: _____

Now write three NEW statements about yourself in the same format that you would not have been able to write at the beginning of the year: I am the type of _____ who _____.

Examples: I am the kind of person who hates to work in groups. I am the sort of kid who gets up two hours late, so I never have time to do my hair. I am the type of musician who sings serenades on the last day in class. I am the kind of TA that the math teachers love to leave in charge. I am the kind of teenager who has too many boundaries. I am the type of reader who can identify themes and apply them to my own experience. I am the kind of person who loves words!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Review the questions you asked me. Now that you know me, write three statements you know to be true:

Thompson, you are the kind of teacher who...

1. ... _____

2. ... _____

3. ... _____

Now get out your English Binder and go through it one section at a time, starting at the back.

Grammar/Conventions: Explain something you learned about grammar and/or conventions this year:

Literature: What was your favorite book/story this year and why? _____

Name a poem you thought was memorable: _____

In your own words, define *literature*: _____

Composition: What was the best piece of writing you did for this class? Explain why it was the best.

What is something you understand about writing that you did not understand in 8th grade? _____

Word Study: Do you think your knowledge of “word cells” will help you understand more of what you read later on? Why or why not?

We dealt with word cells in a different way every term. Which one did you prefer? Why?

Journal/Stargirl: Do you have Journals 1-3 completed at the front of this section? YES NO (Circle one.)

Have you completed all of the *Stargirl* assignments? Do they represent your best effort? Would you be willing to accept your score on this section of the Binder as your entire grade for fourth term? Why or why not?

What grade do you think you deserve in English this term? _____

"The End of the End": Earlier in the year (January 17/18), you wrote a reflection called "The Beginning of the End," in which you wrote about what you were planning to do for the last five months of the school year. Go read that to see if you lived up to your intentions. How'd things turn out? Write a note to the person you were then. What would you like to tell that younger version of yourself? (Fill these lines!)

Signature: _____ Date: _____