George Washington Carver Engineering and Science High School
2019 Summer Enrichment
SENIOR SEMINAR

Summer Homework is due to your Senior Seminar Teacher by Friday September 6th at 2:54pm. This assignment will be a major part of your first quarter grade in Senior Seminar. Late work will not be accepted under any circumstances. If you anticipate technical issues, you must plan ahead and contact your Senior Seminar teacher immediately.

DIRECTIONS: Write a draft of your college essay. Pick from one of the 7 Common App prompts below. Your draft must be between 500-650 words and must be original. No late work will be accepted. If you anticipate technical challenges, you must prepare in advance and communicate with your teacher.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?

4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.

5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.