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**This I Believe Essay Rubric**

The final essay will be a written narrative, telling a story from your life that led you to believing in something. You will use vivid and concrete details, diverse vocabulary and your creativity to write an essay that answers the question: *What is it that you believe in?*

Possible Points	Grade Yourself	Points Earned	Writing Expectations
10	-----	-----	Your personal narrative has a unique and specific belief statement that is supported through your personal experiences.
10	-----	-----	You use strong verbs and adjectives to create imagery. The essay has <i>at least two examples of sensory details</i> .
10	-----	-----	You use sophisticated language to describe emotion in the essay, which is consistent with the belief statement.
10	-----	-----	You have a reflective conclusion that clearly brings the essay to a thoughtful close.
10	-----	-----	The essay is free of major editing errors (spelling, grammar, organization, sentence structure). The essay is <i>at least one page</i> , no more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced. Times New Roman, font size 12.

\_\_\_\_\_/50 Final Grade

**Comments:**