English 11 Writing Workshop: Personal Writing Reflection (20 points)
Answer the following questions as you look over your own returned writing samples.

1. What do you particularly need to work on regarding writing? What are your areas of difficulty?

2. What do you think you do well when writing? Don’t say “nothing.” Everyone is good at something and we need a place to start.

3. Do you find it difficult to get started when writing an essay? Why or why not?


5. Fill in the blank. “When I leave English 11, if I were to improve one thing about my writing, I’d like it to be ____________.” Explain why you say this.

6. What can you, personally, do to improve your writing? What can I (as your teacher) do to help?

7. Which of the following common writing issues do you suffer from? Check all that apply.

- Difficulty getting started
- Finding quotes to support argument
- Coming up with a clear argument
- Writing topic sentences
- Writing a thesis statement
- Introduction or Conclusion paragraphs
- Cutting down on plot summary
- Increasing analysis
- Outlining (and other pre-writing)
- Revising my own work
- Using transition words
- Spelling/grammar
- Understanding the prompt
- Asking for help
- Other: _____________________

Choose one of these and explain what you plan to do to make this better for yourself in the future (on the back of the sheet).