DAY 1  *Getting to Know You*  Ransdell English 4

Welcome to English 4! I am excited to get the year started and am anxious to get to know each of you a little better. Your first assignment will be to write a letter to me. **This letter should be at least two pages- typed and double spaced. It will be your first grade and will be worth 40 points**.

This letter has a two-fold purpose. One is to tell me a few things about yourself. The other is to give me an idea of what kind of writer you already are. So make a good first impression! Please organize your letter as follows:

Paragraph 1 – introduce yourself; tell me about what your family, your friends and any important relationships you have. Tell me about those people who are meaningful in your life and WHY they are so important to you?

Paragraph 2 - Also include what kind of things do you do in your spare time? What are your likes and dislikes? What are two things you can’t live without? What are the words other might use to describe you? Why these words?

Paragraph 3 – tell me about your experiences in school so far. What classes do you like the most? The least? What kind of teachers do you like the most? What kind of teacher do you hope I will be? What would you like for me to do as your teacher? What do you hope to take away from this class? What kind of teachers do you like the least? (no names, please) Who was your favorite teacher and why? You can even think all the way back to kindergarten!

Paragraph 4 – in this paragraph tell me three things I really need to know about you! BTW – no one sees this letter but me. I’m not asking you to reveal your deepest darkest secrets – just think of some things that might be useful for me to know OR think of things that few people actually know about you.

Paragraph 5 – in this paragraph tell me one important life lesson you have learned since the 9th grade. Think about the paths you’ve chosen so far; think about the places you hope your current path leads you. Consider all these and tell me about one goal you have for your senior year. Be realistic and specific in your goal setting.

Again – 50 points – your first grade of the semester. This is due at the beginning of NEXT CLASS. For this assignment, you will need to type your letter. Be sure to use letter format.