

WRITING # 4 -

"____ THINGS I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SAY TO ____"

THE ASSIGNMENT

After having read Jason Reynolds' piece "Ten Things I've Been Meaning to Say to You," fill in the blanks above and write your own. You can fill in the blanks however you'd like to make the piece serious or funny or even fictional or abstract/philosophical. Take it where suits you, while working to make the piece 1 ½ - 2 pages long.

MLA Format – be sure to use it. (Specifically, watch your before & after spacing).

Consider that one of the primary characteristics of essay is to connect the specific to the universal – to get to the *why it matters*. This essay is specifically a genre called listicle. Notice the features it possesses and mimic them in your own version.

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE NEW FILE & start a new WORD document.
3. Write your listicle essay. Make it "good." Reread it to be sure it makes sense.
4. Make sure you shift paragraphs where ideas shift. (Hint: it does NOT need 5 paragraphs – be free.)
5. Title the doc Yourlastname 10Things (not literally – replace that with YOUR last name) Ex. Smith10Things.docx
6. Leave it in the Drafts folder. NO NEED TO SHARE.