

This week, you will be turning in your five paragraph essay, which answers the question: How do we achieve happiness? You should plan to write one paragraph per day. [Click here to see more detailed guidelines for your five paragraph essay](#). If you would like to see a sample essay, [click here](#). Please review these handouts closely to see the correct formatting guidelines and the MLA heading I would like you to use on your paper.

- **Monday, April 20th:** Today you need to take time to edit your five paragraph essay. Check carefully to make sure you have used correct writing mechanics (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, etc.). Please check the guidelines and sample paper linked above to make sure that you have used the correct formatting and heading. As you edit, use [this rubric](#) (or you can [click here](#) for the PDF version) to make sure that you have a polished paper that is ready to be turned in. You are strongly encouraged to have someone else (for instance, a parent or sibling) edit with you. **Extra credit** will be given to any students who digitally swap papers with a classmate and peer edit. Email me the name of your peer editor for the extra credit.
- **Tuesday, April 21st:** Email me your five paragraph essay. This is your last chance to make up missing assignments from the Happiness Unit. Tomorrow, we will start a new unit and credit will no longer be given for work assigned during our first unit. If you missed something previously, submit it by the end of the day. All previously assigned work is linked above.
- **Wednesday, April 22nd:** Today, we begin a new unit, exploring successes and failures. On [CommonLit](#), read "The Rose That Grew From Concrete." After reading the passage, [fill out your graphic organizer](#). (If you need a PDF version, [click here](#).) Remember to write a full paragraph (4-8 sentences) on the last assessment question.
- **Thursday and Friday, April 23rd-24th:** On [CommonLit](#), read "Laura's Key." This assignment is longer than others you have completed on CommonLit, so you have two days to finish it. As you read the passage, highlight text that reveals Laura's attitude change throughout the story and the messages (themes) conveyed by the character's growth. Afterwards, fill out your graphic organizer. Remember to write a full paragraph (4-8 sentences) on the last assessment question.