***Profile Assignment***

***Due: October 8, 2015 at the end of the period***

*In an essay of approximately 600 to 800 words, compose a* [*profile*](http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/profileterm.htm) *of an individual whom you have interviewed and closely observed. The person should be someone of interest (or potential interest) not only to you, but also to your readers. The person should have qualities you admire. You will need to find a focus for your piece, and the easiest focus to develop is the person’s career, special talent, or special cause (ex: raising funds for cancer research).*

*The purpose of this essay is to convey--through close observation and factual investigation--the distinct qualities of an individual.*

*Characteristics of Profiles:*

* *The lead sets the scene-the place; an exact location*
* *The lead points the direction and sets the tone for the rest of the profile—it will be a story about a person*
* *Focus of the piece is established early then resonates throughout the profile.*
* *Contains what other people say about this person (quotes)*
* *The surroundings and interactions with other people are often noted*
* *The movement is present to past to present etc… moves around in time*
* *Quotes from person are woven in seamlessly*
* *Quotes are chosen to move plot forward—give information, not just random*
* *Imagery is used to make the scene come to life*
* *Physical description and details are woven into story*
* *Humor works well*
* *Strong nouns and verbs instead of adjectives*
* *Include some action in the piece*
* *Describe person at work and details of his or her day*
* *40 percent background, 60 percent at work*
* *Include person’s dreams and memories*
* *Weave in small personal details ex: pear for lunch*
* *A good way to end is by returning to the beginning—come full circle.*
* *Try for a memorable line at the end—a representative quote perhaps?*