WHAT MAKES A PERSONAL ESSAY?

A personal essay:

a. Is written from the "I" perspective.

b. Provides a sense of the character of the writer.

c. May be narrative or provide a person' s outlook upon a particular subject. It may inspire or entertain.

d. Has a thesis that is clear and developed.

e. Contains specific examples and development.

f. Uses language that creates the writer' s voice.

For each of the criteria above, provide an example from the text of Keller' s "Three Days to See".

Writing your own personal essay:

CHOOSE A TOPIC BUT KEEP IN MIND THE CRITERIA ABOVE:

- The Bucket List - Discuss the 3 top items on your own bucket list. Make sure your essay is not a mere laundry list of destinations or goals. Choose three main ideas and develop them.
- My Passion
- My Philosophy of Life
- If I Had a Superpower

In planning, note

a. Your purpose: Entertain or motivate/inspire? Provide a sense of who you are?

b. What is your thesis?

c. What ideas will be discussed?
What important details will you include?

d. What language will you use? Formal? Informal? Why?

You may bring in notes, outlines, ideas, etc. but NO ROUGH DRAFTS on Friday.