Narrative Non-Fiction Pre-Assessment

This is a kind of “Speed Writing Challenge” that will be shared with someone in class. These are all random essay questions college boards would ask you during the application process. It is good to familiarize yourself with this kind of essay question before we get into the more ‘fun’ side of narrative non-fiction.

1. Please answer two of these questions. I will time you for each. (15 Minutes)
2. After three questions, I will ask you to choose the strongest of the two.
3. Group discussion of these pieces – what you took from your partner’s work.
4. Reflect on a time you faced a challenge. What was the challenge and how did you overcome it?
5. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What was it and what was the outcome?
6. What is a major conflict in modern society right now? Why is it important to you?
7. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
8. Why would you like to study\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? What is the reason for your choice?
9. How do you think university (college) is going to benefit your future?
10. Discuss an accomplishment or event that sparked a period of personal growth?
11. How is the neighborhood you’ve grown up in molded you as a person?
12. Describe a person you admire and why?
13. What extra curricular activities have shapred your personality?
14. Describe a topic, idea or concept that you find engaging.
15. Please describe an instance when you took ownership of your intellectual growth and molded your education to meet your own goals.
16. Write about a problem you want to solve within yourself or around you.
17. Explain the shift of maturity (From childhood to adulthood).
18. What year would you travel to and why?
19. Write about a failure. How did you overcome it?