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MORA

LA/SS – 2017

ASSIGNMENT: Descriptive Writing Exercise

DUE: Thursday, 1/12/16 (Early release on Friday - therefore due on Thursday)

VALUE: 20 points

THE YEAR 2016 from A-Z

*“The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future.”
– S. Ambrose*

We often bring in the New Year with a list of resolutions, turning our attention to the future and all of the potential it holds. But, it is also a valuable exercise to reflect on happenings and experiences of the past. So, the purpose of this assignment is for you to remember 2016 and then use **descriptive** language to describe some of the key events of the year. Your task is to describe your last year from A to Z by listing **detailed** phrases that highlight some of your personal experiences and/or significant world events. Try to have each phrase begin with an adjective or adverb. If the line begins with a noun, you still need to add some description (adjectives) within the phrase. In addition, the phrase, of course, needs to start with the appropriate letter. (For the letter “X” put an imaginary “E” in front of the word, for example: Xtra, Xcellent, Xtradordinary.)

Please first use the backside of this paper for **brainstorming** and identifying some key events, both personal and societal, of the past year. A minimal amount of research is required so I will give you some class time.

⇒ If you wish, you may also illustrate some events from 2016 and attach it to this paper. Bonus points will be allotted based on the quality and effort of the drawings.

Here are some personal examples to get you thinking:

- A mazingly pristine clear water at Waldo Lake where we went kayaking on weekends over the summer.
- B ernie Sanders ran for the Democratic Presidential nomination and many young voters were “feeling the Bern” but, Hillary Clinton ultimately won the party’s nomination in July.
- C hicago Cubs won the World Series over the Cleveland Indians, shedding its “lovable losers’ label and ending its 108-year losing streak.
- D isneyland was our Spring Break destination. Two days of crowds, long lines, fun rides, expensive food and fireworks.
- E uropean Union (E.U.) will no longer include Britain since the country voted to exit (“Brexit”) the politico-economic union of 28 countries, which includes Germany and France.
- F ...

It sometimes helps our memory if we can sequence the past events in the order they happened.
Refer to this list and mark off the events as you use them in your final, detailed and descriptive alphabetized list.

**JANUARY/
FEBRUARY**

MARCH/APRIL

MAY/JUNE

JULY/AUGUST

**SEPTEMBER/
OCTOBER**

**NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER**

**HAPPENED IN 2016 -
not sure when**

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2016 in Review

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