**In-class Writing Prompts**

**Choose one of the following topics to write a well-developed rough draft essay:**

1. What do you think has been the most important social or political movement during your lifetime?
2. How did the neighborhood that you grew up in help shape you into the kind of person you are today? Or How did moving often help shape you into the person you are?
3. Describe a risk that you have taken and discuss its impact on your life.
4. What invention would the world be better off without, and why?
5. Select a technological innovation of this century and discuss its effects on your family, local community, or nation.
6. Do Americans have it too easy? Why?
7. Explain why and how you would, if given the opportunity, change a decision you made in the past.
8. If you were to design a Mt. Rushmore to represent the last century, whose faces would you select and why?