Topic:

We have read two mentor texts exploring the idea of "home," not as a physical space where one resides, but instead as a person, place or thing. "Querencia," by Georgia Heard explores the Spanish word "querencia," meaning a place where one feels safe or from which one draws their power. We also read "Athletes of God" by Uriah Boyd, a former Jefferson High School student, who felt most at home while dancing.

Objective:

You will write your own personal narrative about something/someone that you consider to be "home."

Essential Questions to Inspire Your Narrative:

- 1. How do you define "home?"
- 2. What does your "home" look like? What does it feel like?
- 3. What does it mean to be at "home?"
- 4. How do we identify ourselves with a place?
- 5. What are the feelings we associate with "home?"
- 6. Why is your "home" important/significant to you? What did it teach you about life/people/the world?

Requirements:

- 1. 1.5 pages minimum, double spaced
- 2. Size 12 Times New Roman font
- 3. MLA header with name, date, class, teacher
- 4. A title that is not simply "Home"
- 5. Use the rubric to guide your writing

- 6. Please include 3-5 literary techniques from our mentor texts, such as:
 - a. Listing, and/or the power of three; similes, metaphors, and other literary devices; strong verb choice; strong adjective choice; sensory detail/description (sight, sound, taste, feel, etc.); specific detail; anecdote; hook