



# Uncharted Shores Academy

## STUDENT REFLECTION ESSAY

We all need and deserve to be respected. USA desires to respect each of our students and assist them in developing a respectful attitude. When you are rude, negative, defiant, belligerent, disruptive, or insulting, you are showing disrespect for yourself and your education as well as showing disrespect to authority and/or other students. This essay is being assigned to assist you in becoming a better person as you consider how you can be more respectful in the future.

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assigned by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason Assigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Write this essay now at school** in a place designated by the teacher. If this line is checked, the student must have the administrator or another designated school staff member read and approve the essay prior to returning to class.

**Signature of adult:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Write this essay later at home.** If this line is checked, the student must have the parent read and approve the essay prior to returning to class the next school day.

**Signature of adult:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Essay Instructions:

There is no assigned length to this essay. However, it has to be well thought out, appropriate, cover the entire topics below, and completed in correct sentence & paragraph form.

1. Take responsibility for your actions. Explain what you did that led up to you being assigned this essay. If this behavior has been ongoing, explain what has been going on.
2. Tell why you did what you did. If you believe you were unjustly assigned this essay, this is your opportunity to explain your side of the story.
3. Reflect concerning other ways you could have handled the situation which resulted in this essay. What could you do differently next time which could keep you out of trouble?
4. Think about what the teacher can do to help you stay out of trouble and succeed in class. If you have an idea concerning a behavior plan in which the teacher can participate, tell what your idea is.
5. Disrespectful behavior requires an apology to those who are affected. Who do you need to apologize to and for what? Make sure a note of apology is included in this essay to the specific person or group of people offended by your actions.

This essay will be read by your teacher and other appropriate individuals, then placed in your permanent student file to record your progress in character development.