



**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**2016-2017 APPLICATION FOR HONORS LANGUAGE ARTS**  
**WRITING SAMPLE: Due Friday, May 20**

All applicants for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Language Arts must write an original essay responding to one of the three prompts below. Essays are due at the same time as the rest of the application material. Both the student and the parent must sign the statement at the bottom of this page. Please note that essays will not be returned.

**Directions:** Please write a well-developed, multi-paragraph essay that responds to one of the following prompts. Your essay must be handwritten on lined paper.\*

1. If you could change places with another person (past or present) for a whole day, with whom would you change places and why would you choose that person?

OR

2. We are learning all the time. Some of our learning takes place in school and some outside of school. Write about something you have learned recently and how it has affected you.

OR

3. You are an astronaut on a peaceful, exploratory mission to a newly identified planet. As a representative from Earth, you are to present three gifts from our planet. What items will you take? Write a proposal to the sponsors of your mission explaining why you think these will make excellent gifts.

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**Student and Parent/Guardian Statement:**

The attached essay is the original, independent work of the student whose name appears below. Independent work means that the applicant did not receive assistance from adults or peers in writing, revising, or proofreading this essay.

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Student Name (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

*\*A student with a 504 Plan or IEP with written language goals may word process this essay if that accommodation is part of the student's plan.*



