**Mandala Autobiography:**

**Assignment Description**

Using your Mandala as the basis for your writing, create an autobiographical essay that reveals some significant aspects of your life. Your essay should describe the symbols you have chosen for your Mandala, what the symbols mean, and why they are significant representations of your life. You should also help your reader to understand how all these symbols come together to demonstrate unity or wholeness, how they hold together to communicate the “essence” of who you are.

*Think about the audience to whom you would like to write. Suggestions:*

A. Your AVID classmates

B. Your family

C. Your teacher

D. Your school (The Mandala and writing might be publicly displayed.)

**Using the space below, indicate your focus. Be as specific as possible.**

**Audience** to whom you’re writing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** To communicate to another person or other people some areas of your life that you consider important. You want your audience to understand who you are as they read about what’s important to you.

**Form:** Essay

**Essay length:** approximately 2–3 pages, double-spaced, in a legible font. (You might want to use a special font for this essay to help personalize it and connect it to your mandala.)

**Due date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_