

EPIPHANY ESSAY

For this essay, you will write a personal reflection about yourself borrowing the “WE” style used in *Anthem*, and like Prometheus, after you discover your epiphany, you will “be done with the monster of ‘we’” and utilize the personal pronoun “I”.

EPIPHANY:

- A moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.
- An illuminating discovery or realization.
- A sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple or commonplace occurrence or experience.

– E P I P H A N Y –		
EVENT	BOOK	TRANSGRESSION
<p>“I read many books for many days. Then I called the Golden One, and I told her what I read and what I had learned. She looked at me and the first words she spoke were: ‘I Love You’” (114).</p> <p>Is there a certain event or experience that opened your eyes or changed the way you perceive the world?</p>	<p>“It was when I read the first of the books I found in my house that I saw the word ‘I.’ And when I understood this word, the book fell from my hands, and I wept, I who had never known tears” (114).</p> <p>Is there a book that opened your eyes or changed the way you perceive the world?</p>	<p>“I understood the blessed thing which I had called my curse. I understood why the best in me had been my sins and my transgression” (114).</p> <p>Which characteristic do you have that can be perceived as negative, but that you have learned is also a positive attribute?</p>

Use “WE” prior to epiphany.

Post epiphany, use “I”

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Ideas & Content

- Include thoughts and feelings (makes connections and shares insights).
- Include sensory details and imagery.

Organization

- New idea = new paragraph
- Dialogue (if it applies), new speaker = new paragraph
- Introduction is inviting and draws the reader in.
- Conclusion has a satisfying sense of closure.
- There is no requirement for how much of your paper contains either the "we" (before epiphany) or the "I" (after epiphany), as long as you include both.

Word Choice

- Consider using figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification)
- Use vivid, specific expression that energizes the writing.

Sentence Fluency

- Use 1st 4 words to ensure VARIETY in your **patterns**, **lengths**, and **beginnings**.
- Label all of your sentence patterns: be sure to combine sentences to create complex, sophisticated sentences.

Conventions

- Use your sentence pattern sheet! Check specifically for sp 4, 6 and 10.
- Read your essay aloud, slowly.

Requirements:

- No more than 2 pages typed, double- spaced.
- Turn in a HARD COPY and turn in to turnitin.com