**Writing Assignment 2:**

**Opinion / Argument Paragraph**

**Due Date:** Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Length:**  1 full paragraph

**Skills & Goals:**

\* **Structure**: demonstrates understanding of *the scale of abstraction*

\* **Topic Sentence:**  states main point (*topic*) + grounds for argument (*controlling idea*)

\* **Unity of Purpose**: focuses on a single argument of appropriate scope

\* **Flow**: moves smoothly from one idea to the next

\* **Reasoning**: directly stated and logically valid

\* **Concrete Support**: substantiate with specific evidence / examples / elaboration

\* Overall ability to communicate an idea

**Topics:** choose one of the prompts below and respond

**A)** Should children be pushed hard to succeed? Discuss one area of achievement, such

as school, music, or sports.

**B)** Agree or disagree with this statement:

*Parents should allow children the freedom to discover their own interests.*

**C)** Should people make significant personal sacrifices in order to be successful,

or is it more important to be satisfied with your own life on a daily basis?

**D)**  Define what *multiculturalism* means in the Korean context.

1. Should parents be allowed to genetically modify their unborn children? Discuss one

kind of genetic alteration, such as preventing diseases, improving physical/mental abilities, or changing appearance.

1. Agree or disagree with this statement:

*Citizens have an obligation to improve their country.*

**Purpose:**

There are no right or wrong answers to these kinds of questions, but it is essential that

your answer makes sense. In other words, as an argument, the most important

thing is not **what you believe**, but rather **why you believe it.**

Remember, the overall goal is to understand *how much* and *how little* can be argued in a

single paragraph. Don’t try to write everything possible on your subject. Instead, focus on crafting a ***claim*** (topic sentence) that you can reasonably support!