

## ACDV B80

### Diagnostic Essay

#### DIRECTIONS

1. You will be given the article “Finding Fame” to **read** for homework. You may **annotate** (mark) the article with underlining, highlighting, and minimal writing as you read. Please do not discuss the article with your classmates.
2. As part of your homework, it is suggested that you do some brief **prewriting** to organize your ideas. This may be in the form of an outline or mind map/web/cluster. Do not include complete sentences.
3. When you return to class, you will write a **short essay** in which you **discuss how one of the habits of mind contributes to success in college and/or a career**, using **examples from the article** as support.

Persist  
Organize  
Strive for Excellence  
Stay Involved  
Innovate  
Be Focused  
Learn for Life  
Emphasize Integrity

This is your opportunity to show off your essay-writing skills, so take your time and **follow the guidelines below** to the best of your ability:

- **Neatly handwrite** in blue or black ink or **type** your assignment
- Set up your paper in **MLA format** and **double space** (skip every other line if handwriting)
- Include a **separate introduction with a thesis statement** and a **separate conclusion**
- Begin each body paragraph with a **topic sentence** (one topic per paragraph)
- Use your **best grammar, spelling, and punctuation**

**NOTE:** Students may not refer to or turn in writing completed outside of class or take their assignment home to complete it if they run out of class time. Students who need additional time may complete their assignment during office hours at the instructor's discretion. Students may use a dictionary but not their cell phone or any internet sources.