Part One:

Visual Journey
One main theme in English 9 is the idea of a journey. Journeys occur in both real life and in fictional stories. Of course, we all know the definition of a “journey” to be the act of traveling from one place to another; however, we encounter multiple kinds of journeys in a lifetime. In fact, you’re on a journey right now from a grammar-school student to a high-school student.

Think about any of the texts you’ve read in the past school year (short stories, novels, creative nonfiction) where a character went on some sort of journey, whether metaphorical or literal. Create a visual depiction of that particular character’s journey. Your representation can be done on a poster board or through Google Drawing. Include an index card or a text box that summarizes the character’s journey.

Example:

Create the image of the character’s journey here. Be sure to show where the character started and where they ended on their journey. Keep in mind, their journey can be a metaphor.

You must submit your visual to your English 9 teacher next year. If you created the drawing through Google, share it with your teacher through Drive.
Part Two:

Continuing with the theme of journeying, you are to read the following Newsela articles. Complete the quizzes and the short writing assignments. As you read the articles, think about the topic question below, which you will answer after you complete the articles.

- https://newsela.com/read/gl-history-underground-railroad/id/22188/
- https://newsela.com/read/syria-wheelchair-journey/id/23859

After you read, answer the following topic question, using information from all three articles as support:

Why is it important to read about the journey of others, both fictional and nonfictional? How might seeing these journeys help us to understand our own? Your response must:

- Define the idea of a journey
- Explain the benefits of reading about fictional and nonfictional journeys
- Utilize multiple examples from the Newsela articles
- Explain how these journeys put our own into perspective

You must submit your essay to your English 9 teacher on Google Drive.