***A BRONX TALE*  TIMED WRITING**

In the clip you watched, Robert DeNiro tells his son, “The worst thing in life is wasted talent.” Do you agree or disagree? Do you think there’s a difference between natural born talent and the talent to work hard?

**In a simple, 1-2 page MLA formatted essay, please answer the following question in three paragraphs according to the guidelines below:**

P1: Explain the difference (if there is one) between natural talent and the talent to work hard.

P2: Explain how a celebrity, athlete, or other person you admire has either natural talent or the talent to work hard.

P3: Explain some of your personal talents (using specific examples).

**ESSAY RUBRIC**

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| **MLA Format** | Paper follows all guidelines: double spaced, 10/12 pt Times New Roman, left aligned, slug, indented paragraphs | 1-2 errors | 3-4 errors | 5+ errors |
| **Grammar/**  **Punctuation** | Paper contains correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling | 1-2 errors | 3-4 errors | 5+ errors |
| **Structure** | Paper always contains multiple paragraphs with supporting details and appears cohesive | Paper mostly contains multiple paragraphs with supporting details and appears cohesive | Paper contains multiple paragraph, but subject matter does not flow smoothly; topic sentences may be absent | Paper is incoherent, does not contain multiple paragraphs, nonsensical |
| **Content** | Superbly addresses topic, celebrity talent or verse, and personal attribute including using specific supports | Superbly addresses topic, celebrity talent or verse, and personal attribute | Paper is missing vital information about celebrity impact or personal impact | Paper does not address the prompt |
| **Style** | Writer uses a variety of sentence structures, active voice, style devices, a professional tone, and grade-level vocabulary | Writer mostly uses a variety of sentence structures, active voice, style devices, and grade-level vocabulary | More sentence variety, colorful verbs, and professional tone examples are needed | Essay does not demonstrate critical thinking, varied structure or ideas supported with evidence |

OVERALL GRADE:\_\_\_\_\_/50

**This will be my first impression of your writing, so do your best!**