**ELA 20**

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Moving Forward – Establishing and Realizing

What are the **big ideas**:

* Youth is a time to prepare for the future
* Youth can make a difference in the world
* There are challenges to face as young people take their places in the world

Youth is a time of anticipation. The young consider the many paths they may pursue. Along the path are turning points and transitions that result in new roles and responsibilities being taken on (personal, family, career). Along their journey, they might reconsider their values and goals and may veer from the path they initially chose.

Through a variety of texts, you will be presented with opportunities to investigate the complexities and dynamics of these new and changing directions and to begin to chart your own course.

Journal Response:

You have probably asked yourself, “What do I want to do in the future?” Maybe your plans are in place or maybe not. The direction your life is likely to take depends upon the decisions and choices you make; those decisions will be based upon what you value most in life.

In a poem titled “Invictus,” the poet, W. E. Henley, explains his approach to life in the last two lines: “I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.” Essentially, Henley is saying that our lives are what we make of them – nothing more, nothing less.

Keeping in mind Henley’s philosophy, write a paragraph in your journal in which you discuss your future plans. Do you agree with or disagree with Henley? If we are masters of our own lives, it follows that we make our own decisions, choices, and plans for the future. As a master of your destiny, what plans do you have for the future?

Read “Belonging” by Jean Vanier- Interface (2.2)

***“So we build walls around our group and cultivate our certitudes. Prejudice grows on such walls,”***

***-Jean Vanier-***

Find 3 examples from the selection that support Vanier’s point above:

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| Example #1 |
| Example #2 |
| Example #3 |