**Mr. Weiss**

Happiness

You will need to write a Socratic response for the readings and TED Talks on happiness.  For this assignment, do not summarize the readings. I assume that in order for you to respond, you have read and understand the topic; and this will be evident through your response. This is an opportunity to reflect on the topic, make connections, and pose questions. There is no required length, however, I imagine to fulfill the requirements it will take a half page or full page to complete (1/2 to 1 page for each prompt). You are not limited to the prompts below; they simply serve as a guide.

Respond to the readings and TED TALKS utilizing ONE of the following prompts:  
The big idea seems to be……….  
Another point of view is……..…  
I think it means………………....  
I agree that……………………...  
I disagree that…………………..  
I have questions about…………  
Another point of view is……….  
I’m not sure what it means when the author says……  
The ideas presented in the reading are similar to…..  
The ideas presented in the reading are different from…..  
Assumptions that might get in the way of understanding the ideas presented in the reading are…..  
Does this idea seem reasonable/justifiable? Why or why not?  
How could you look at the ideas presented in a different way?  
What obstacles might exist?  
What else might I need to know to better understand the ideas presented?  
The ideas presented remind me of….

A guide to thinking about your response:

* How much you think money influences how happy you are — or how much you imagine it will determine your happiness as an adult.
* Is there a certain amount of money you think you’d need to earn a year to be happy?
* Are there things you think you would need to own to be happy?
* How content are you with your life right now? To what extent do you think that comes — or doesn’t come — from having the material things you need and want?
* Do you know people who seem to be happy yet have very little money?