Holden chose to describe Allie’s baseball mitt because it had tremendous sentimental value to him. It was a material object that he cherished. Choose an object in your possession, which you cherish. Describe it in a way that communicates its value to you. Be “descriptive as hell.” Include as many of the five sense as are appropriate, and use comparisons where possible. (500-750 words)

- Pick an object that is unique and interesting, and important to you in a personal way – NOT your cell phone, computer, car, etc.
- Write in first person
- Examine the object closely to observe its details
- Avoid clichéd descriptions, and appeal to several senses
- Tell the truth – sticking to what you really know
- Start with straight description, then tell a bit of the object’s history, and build toward an explanation of why it has value/significance to you
- Ultimately your description should reveal not just the object, but also some important elements of your character and values

Brainstorming: List out 6 such things you have which are very important to you, and give three descriptive words for each thing.
ALT Assignment-
If you wish, you may try one of these Common App Prompts instead – same objectives:

http://collegeapps.about.com/od/essays/a/common-application-essay-prompts.htm