**DISCUSSION Qs for Colin Powell’s “My American Journey”**

**SHORT ANSWER**

1. Who is Colin Powell?
2. From which country do his parents immigrate to America?
3. Give vocab definition: Latchkey kid
4. Why does he choose CUNY? What is the mission of City University of New York?
5. What kind of student was Powell? What extracurricular activity/club “saved” him?

**LONG ANSWER**

1. Use clues and deduction to determine what year his narrative essay takes place. Then -- Focus on Par 2. Look at description of first day at City College. What details? The 5 Ws?
2. End of Par 3 to Par 4. Study the description of Raymond the Bagel Man. Why does Powell include Raymond the Bagel Man? How does this part function in his essay? How does the writer make this into a descriptive scene? How does he create *theatre of the mind*?
3. How does joining the ROTC Pershing Rifles change him? What does the organization give him? MAKE A LIST.
4. Par 13. What details does Powell show us about Ronnie Brooks? Why does he include Ronne Brooks in his essay? What function does this part serve?
5. Par 24. The commissioning ceremony. What details does he show us? What function does this part serve in his essay? Why does he include a description of this ceremony in his essay? Give vocab definition: revelry.
6. Par 27. In the concluding part, Powell gives details about his family? Why does he describe his family at the end here? What function does this part serve in his essay? Why does he conclude with family?
7. What is another entity that he decides to conclude with (last two paragraphs)? Why?
8. Purpose of the essay is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**MAKE AN OUTLINE TO STUDY THE STRUCTURE OF THE ESSAY.**