***Ego Tripping (there may be a reason why)***

**I was born in the Congo
I walked to the fertile crescent and built
   the sphinx
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star
   that only glows every one hundred years falls
   into the center giving divine perfect light
I am bad

I sat on the throne
   drinking nectar with Allah
I got hot and sent an ice age to Europe
   to cool my thirst
My oldest daughter is Nefertiti
   the tears from my birth pains
   created the Nile
I am a beautiful woman

I gazed on the forest and burned
   out the Sahara desert
   with a packet of goat's meat
   and a change of clothes
I crossed it in two hours
I am a gazelle so swift
   so swift you can't catch me

   For a birthday present when he was three
I gave my son Hannibal an elephant
   He gave me Rome for mother's day
My strength flows ever on

My son Noah built new/ark and
I stood proudly at the helm
   as we sailed on a soft summer day
I turned myself into myself and was
   Jesus
   men intone my loving name
   All praises All praises
I am the one who would save

I sowed diamonds in my back yard
My bowels deliver uranium
   the filings from my fingernails are
   semi-precious jewels
   On a trip north
I caught a cold and blew
My nose giving oil to the Arab world
I am so hip even my errors are correct
I sailed west to reach east and had to round off
   the earth as I went
   The hair from my head thinned and gold was laid
   across three continents

I am so perfect so divine so ethereal so surreal
I cannot be comprehended except by my permission

I mean...I...can fly
   like a bird in the sky...**

**-Nikki Giovanni**

Ego Tripping Collage Project

**Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Part I**

*You can create this using Microsoft Publisher. All projects will be on display in the classroom throughout the school year and will be presented to the class.*

1. Include a picture that best represents you
2. Your favorite song and a brief explanation
3. Your favorite book or poem and a brief explanation
4. Three specific goals:
* for my class
* outside of my classroom
* five years from now
1. Favorite quote and an explanation of its relevance to you

**Part II**

Separate Essay: (3-5 paragraphs)

What are your expectations for this class? What type of student are you overall? What are your personal strengths and weaknesses? What is one thing you have done that you are proud of?

**Rubric Points Possible Total Earned**

**Picture included 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Song and Explanation 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Fav. Book or Poem and Explanation 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**List of Goals 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Quote 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Essay 40 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Oral Presentation 10 \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Late submissions will receive a 50%**