

Writing a Literacy Narrative, Essay #1 (100 points)

Length 3-4 pages

MLA Format

Associated Reading: Chapter 6 in PATTERNS

You will write a first-person essay in which you describe a story related to how you learned to read or write. This learning could be a subject that you found particularly challenging or perhaps the struggle you faced involved not so much the subject but the circumstances. Perhaps your family struggled to make ends meet and finding time to study posed a challenge. Perhaps you faced other outside obstacles with friends, self-esteem, or unkind teachers. You may organize your story any way you like but make sure that you have a thesis or controlling idea. If you like, you may add quotations related to learning or any other topic that seems connected to your story, but please keep quotations brief and cite all sources.

Note: Any information acquired through research, no matter how informal, must be cited. This means that you must identify your source in your paper and include a Works Cited list at the end of your essay. Outside information is not required for this paper, but you may find that adding a relevant quotation or citing factual information may enhance your story.

Topics suggested in your textbook:

- An early memory about writing or reading that you recall vividly
- Someone who taught you to read or write
- A book or other text that has been significant to you in some way
- An event at school that was related to reading or writing and that you found interesting, humorous, or embarrassing
- A writing or reading task that you find especially challenging
- The origins of your current attitudes towards reading and writing

DUE: SEPT 19, first typed draft

DUE: SEPT 21, final typed draft. (Staple both drafts together)