

## Autobiographical Essay Take Two

### English 11

#### **Prompt:**

You were not born with an identity. You were given a name, but your identity has been formed through good and bad experiences in your life and the lives of others around you. Through your life experiences, your brain processed information, combined it with prior experiences in your daily life, and helped you build an understanding of yourself. This assignment gives you a chance to think about your life. Write an autobiographical essay that creates a portrait of how your identity has been shaped through an event or an experience. (Choose one; do not give me a survey of your life). The assignment is to focus in on one time (a specific day) or one experience (over a short time, maybe a few days/a week, eg. a family trip).

Consider your brainstorming activities as you write but only answer the prompt above.

Remember that a good piece of writing has a great hook that leads to an introduction/beginning (no fluff; get straight to the point), a middle that has great detail (think figurative language), and a satisfying end (leave with a lasting idea but do not repeat the essay).

Follow MLA formatting.

Times New Roman 12 (do not use Google, as it does not format/edit correctly)

1" margins, double spaced, 1-2 pages and correct header

Your Name

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English 11, period \_\_

Due Date

The essay is worth 200 points and will be scored as 40 points in each of the five domain areas: focus, content, organization, style, conventions.

It is VERY important that you submit an essay. Do not skip this assignment.

#### **Due Dates:**

##### November 26 (Monday)

New draft of the essay is due (1-2 pages); bring a HARD copy to class. Do NOT ask to go to print. If you are not in school, email me a copy so that you are not marked late. Bring a hard copy to me when you return to school.

##### November 28 (Wednesday)

We will be sharing each other's work and do a peer edit. Again, bring a HARD copy to class. Do NOT ask to go to print. If you are not in school, email me a copy so that you are not marked late. Bring a hard copy to me when you return to school.

November 30 (Friday) we will work on the essay in class. Be sure to save your work on a flash drive. Do not depend on the H drive or Google docs.

##### December 3 (Monday)

FINAL draft is due. I will grade this one. If you are absent, email a copy of the paper to me to be considered on time. Bring me a HARD copy on the day you return.