**Literacy Influences**

The essay has two parts:

1) **Story-** Tell us a story of when you first encountered a piece of writing that influenced you. A “piece of writing” can be approached pretty broadly—lyrics, an Instagram caption, a poem, a novel, whatever. Feel free to pick something that influenced you positively or negatively.

When you’re telling the story, put me in the moment of the first time that you encountered that piece of writing. Let me see what you saw and feel what you felt. And remember that all satisfying stories have a beginning, middle, and end.

2) **Reflection-** Reflect on what encountering that piece of writing meant for you as a reader/writer/thinker. Maybe that encounter changed how you write. Maybe it made you want to find similar pieces of writing. Maybe it made you feel excited, inspired, bored, etc.

Your essay should be at least 500 words. Please type and bring a copy to turn in at the beginning of class on Wednesday, September 4.