**English 1101**

**Literacy Narrative Project**

**Readings:**

Eudorah Welty: “One Writer’s Beginnings”

Amy Tan: “Mother Tongue”

Keith Gilyard: “Voices of The Self” (excerpt)

**Assignment:**

In this unit, we are reading narratives about a few authors’ important, formative experiences with reading, writing, and education. They all have stressed that these experiences went on to help shape them as writers and individuals.  I now want you to write about your formative education. Think about your beginning experiences with writing, reading and the education that you received and write a narrative that expresses this to the reader.

**The assignment will be in two parts:**

**First Reflection Due 9/3**

The first part (25% of full grade) is a short reflection (250-500 words) about your education.

Ask yourself how did your education affect you? Was the classroom experience positive or negative? Were there situations that could have been handled better by your educators? Were there any outside-of-the classroom education opportunities that shaped you?  Do these experiences continue to affect you till this day?

**First draft due 9/17, Final Draft 9/24**

The second part (75% of your full grade) is the narrative. After you have reflected on the above questions, I then want you to think of **one** educational experience that shaped you, and write 750-1000 words about this experience. **This does not have to be a classroom experience**. Feel free to think of any defining educational moment in your life. If you need help, look through the texts we have read again to help you formulate your narrative.

\*Note: We will be having a peer review on 9/17 so it is very important that you attend this day. If you cannot make it to the peer review you must

**Grading:**

This assignment will be graded with the rubric on the syllabus I gave you the first day of class, however, since this is a personal essay you may write “informally.” The stronger paper will focus on detail, organization, and reflection.

**Format:**

The final essay should be double spaced, 12pt. Times New Roman font, and in  MLA format. If you have any questions outside of class about MLA format please visit Purdue Owl online as I have pointed out in class and it will show you how to properly format your paper.

\*If you need help, feel free to contact me by email. I would be more than happy to answer any questions before or after class in addition to my office hours .