

Assignment Sheet

Essay 1: Literacy Narrative

What you want to know:

- **Rough Draft Due Date:** 30 Aug, 2015 (Sunday, before Midnight)
- **Final Due Date:** 11 September, 2015
- **Required Length:** 4-5 Pages
- **What Is It:** Write a story about an experience in which language or communication (verbal, written, or other) was crucial to your learning, developing, or growing.
 - Maybe you had to learn how to speak “geek” to play games with your friends.
 - Maybe you tried to convince your parents to let you stay out all night.
 - Maybe you had to learn how to read a cookbook in order to make your own food to survive at college ☺

What you need to know:

Assignment Description: Students will write a 4-5 page narrative essay that explores an experience with literacy (defined below) and applies writing techniques that include description, a well-told story, and a sense of significance/meaning to the story.

Intended Audience: Peers (classmates) and Instructor (me)

Format: MLA formatting, 12 pt., Times New Roman Font. Standard 1 Inch Margins, Page Numbers, and Title.

Peer Review/Conference: A rough draft of the paper will be due on Aug 30th (Sunday) at midnight. Conferences will be held on Monday Aug. 31st and Tuesday, September 1st. We will peer review these in class on September 2nd. You will then take my feedback and the peer feedback and revise your paper before the **final due date on Sept. 11th**.

Key Terms:

- **Literacy:** The ability to use context-specific language enabling a communicative act. It is bound up with reading and writing traditionally but may also be considered to include other forms of communication.
- **Narrative:** A story that uses vivid details/descriptions and considers audience, purpose, and organization to create an engaging experience for the reader/listener.

What I need you to know:

Purpose: To practice and develop writing strategies that include vivid description, a well-told story, and a sense of significance/meaning to the story. To be able to define literacy (see above) and apply this definition to selected contexts.

Objectives Met by Assignment (as listed on Syllabus):

1, 2, 5, 6