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The Literacy Narrative

The literacy narrative assignment is an **autobiographical essay** (see Chapter 10). You can focus on multiple reading and writing experiences that occurred during particularly important times in your literacy, or you can focus on a particularly meaningful and memorable experience with reading or writing. You will narrate the event(s), describe scenes and people, and interpret the meaning of the events both at the time that they occurred and now. You should also answer the questions of what literacy means in your life, and what being a literate person means to you. Contextualize these questions within your own life.

Your literacy essay should have an easily-identifiable **rhetorical purpose, audience, and stance**. This assignment will allow you to refine your pre-writing skills, move from pre-writing into a first draft, and complete a substantive revision before turning in your final draft. You will also have the opportunity to practice **narrative, description, summary, and interpretation**.

The first draft of this essay will be due on **2/21** at the beginning of class. It should be around **500 words**. You are required to include a **word count** at the top of the page. Use **12 pt Times New Roman** font and **double space**. The **header** should include your name, my name, the class name, and the date. Your essay must be **titled**.

Bring **three copies** of your essay to class: one for you, one for your workshop partner, and one for me. Be prepared to read and provide **constructive feedback** on your partner's essay, and to receive constructive feedback in return.

The literacy essay is **10%** of your final grade.