Introductory Letter Assignment



To begin our year together, I would like you to write me a letter or some other variety of bio. The goal of this letter/bio is to introduce (or reintroduce) yourself to me, and as such, the topics you cover and the approach you take are fully up to you. It will be assessed purely on you giving it your best, which means there is no need to stress about spelling, grammar, sentence structure, and the like. We will get to those things, but I'm not worried about them right now. Also, feel free to write it however you want. It can be in prose or poetry, a story or a stream-of-consciousness rant. Just sit down at a keyboard and be you, and I'm excited to hear what you have to say!

Some potential topics you can discuss, though, are the following:

WHO YOU ARE

- What are your interests and goals? What impact would you like to make on the world? What dreams do you have?
- What do you do outside of school? What do you do to relax? What passions do you pursue and/or art do you create?
- What is your story?
- What would you like others to say about who you are?
- What are your pet peeves?

YOUR STORY AS A READER

- What is your story as a reader?
- How often do you read? What do you like to read? What are your all-time favorite books/comics/poems/short stories/websites/other things one can read?
- What do you not like to read?

YOUR STORY AS A WRITER

- What is your story as a writer?
- How do you feel about writing? What are the successes, struggles, twists, and turns you've had?
- What do you like and not like to write?

YOUR STORY AS A STUDENT

- What is your story as a student?
- What are you hoping to get out of this year? What are you hoping we don't do in this class?
- What type of teaching works best for you? What doesn't work? And what have your most successful teachers done to make their classes work for you?

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