

YOUR STORY

Our first assignment for the year is for you to write me a letter that tells me your story. Specifically, in this letter I would love to learn more about these topics:

- **Tell me about you as a person.** What are you interested in? What would you like people to say about you? What are your greatest accomplishments? What aspirations and dreams do you have? What sort of impact would you like to make in the world?
- **Tell me about 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 to write? What do you not like to write? What are your strengths? What are areas where you want to grow? What are your writing goals this year?
- **Tell me your story as a reader.** How often do you read? What do you like to read? What books have you read most recently? What do you not like to read? What are your strengths and areas where you want to grow as a reader?

You do not need to answer every question above and can organize the letter any way that you want. The goal of this letter is to tell me about you, so feel free to add anything else that feels important and cut anything that doesn't.

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