

Prof. Ash -- English 102(JA) – Fall 2022

Essay 1 – “By The Book” (due by Oct 2) (30 points)

In a personal narrative, focus on your relationship to a specific text. For this assignment you do not have to pick a book or text you read in an academic setting. However, the text you select and the relationship you have to it should be described as more than just being “interesting” or one that you “liked”.

Choose one of the two options found below:

1) Write about a text that has grown or changed for you over time or through repeated readings. In short, discuss the way(s) that text has evolved from your point of view. Here the readings from our textbook and our class discussions could be helpful as you think about the way literature works in our lives.

OR

2) Write about a text that has made a difference in your sense of yourself, in your view of other people, and/or in your understanding of the world. In short, discuss a text that has helped re-write you or changed your understanding of other people or the world.

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Regardless of the option you chose, create a personal narrative that uses a first-person narrator; use “I” since you are discussing your experience. In addition, a narrative should have the necessary details and sense of purpose to make its point. The essay should not summarize the text you discuss, though you could quote or discuss specific portions of the text. Instead, your paper should focus on specific elements of the text to talk about your experience with and relationship to it. Getting to that information is the purpose of the essay.

The essay should be 2-3 pages in length. Use double-spacing. If you have experience using MLA documentation, please include that work in your essay. But, for this paper, MLA documentation is not required. Please revise and edit your work carefully before submitting it.

Your work will be submitted via Blackboard as a Turnitin assignment. Make sure to save a copy of your work in case there is an issue with Blackboard.