

Ashland English 101 Essay #1

Opening Essay

The point of this first assignment is to get you rolling—and to help your instructor to get an idea what your writing is like. This is a very personal piece of writing, so first person (“I” “me” and “my”) is very appropriate.

“Modern Warfare” (available through Blackboard) is responding to a similar assignment, and “My Road to Writing” gives you another look at the kind of writing a college freshman does.

Your writing task:

As an introduction to who you are as a writer, describe the most important piece of writing you have ever done and tell why it was so important. The writing does not have to be a school piece; it can be a job application, an apology letter, or anything else that turned out to be important. You get to define what “important” means—perhaps it was important to you but not to anyone else.

Mechanical Details

Length: Minimum 600 words not counting title, your name, etc. That’s about a two-page paper. There is no maximum, but try to keep it under 900. Papers significantly under the minimum (90% or less) will not receive the best possible grade.

Format: Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1” margin all around, MLA header.)

Submitting the paper:

- This paper (and all the following papers in this course) will be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Instructions are available on the Blackboard website for this course.

Due Date

- **Final copy:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019

This essay is worth 50 points.