

Ashland English 101 Essay #1

Opening Essay

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.

Hints for Success:

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.

Mechanical Details

Length: 2 pages (600 words minimum) There is no maximum length but try to keep this under four pages.

The point of a length requirement is to give you a goal. Besides, these writing assignments are intended to help you grow as a writer, and the feedback from your instructor is an essential part of that process. If you only submit a few lines, the instructor has nothing to work with.

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

Submitting the paper:

- The English Department wants electronic copies of all your essays this semester, so please upload the final product to the drop box in Blackboard. Some students (especially those who use Google Docs) have trouble figuring out how to do this, so ask if you are uncertain how to proceed!
- If you have any trouble getting the Blackboard upload to work, simply print a copy and bring it to class.

Due Date

- **Final copy:** Friday, January 18, 2019

This essay is worth 50 points.