

## Ashland English 101 Essay #2

### A Memorable Person in Your Life

Begin by reading the three student sample essays (“Dad,” “Grandpa,” and “Uncle Ray-Ray”) in the Blackboard folder.

#### Your Writing Task

Write a character sketch of someone you know well, focusing on one dominant character trait.

#### Some Advice

Read that whole assignment sentence! It says,

- “someone you know well” (which means that a character sketch of Martin Luther King or Barack Obama won’t work for this assignment—this is not a research paper).
  - Notice that “someone” is a single person, not a group!
- “focusing on one dominant character trait” (which means that a general catalog of eye color, hair color, height, weight, food preferences, and work history is not what we want either).

#### Mechanical Details

**Length:** Minimum 1300 words not counting title, your name, etc. That’s about a four-page paper. There is no maximum, but try to keep it under 2000. 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:*

- 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:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018

This essay is worth 100 points.