

## **Practice and Preparation:**

### **Autobiographical Letter to me about Yourself as a Reader and Writer**

Please write a letter to me about yourself as a reader and writer.

Your work should be at least 1.5 typed pages. If you don't have a computer at home see me. (12 point font. 1 inch margins. Double spaced. Times New Roman or Garamond font.)

Some things to think about as you write (Please do not answer these questions in order...just use them as a guide and form a unique structure for your own autobiography):

What are your earliest memories of reading/writing?

How your attitude about reading/writing has changed/developed over time?

What are some standout experiences of reading/writing (both good and bad experiences)? Feel free to talk about everything from early childhood to high school.

What are your Strengths/Weaknesses/Struggles as a reader/writer?

Books you've loved? Writing you've enjoyed doing? (Not only for school.)

Do you have goals, hopes, etc for your future as a reader/writer?

If you think of yourself as a person who does not like reading/writing you need to dig deep and figure out what experiences and attitudes have made this the case. Where were you turned off from reading/writing? It's okay if you don't like to read and write, but you need to understand why so that maybe, just maybe, you can find a way to change.

## **SELF-SHARES:**

### **YOURSELF AS A READER AND WRITER:**

You will be graded according to the Oral Presentation Rubric given out in class.

Your presentation should be between 3 and 5 minutes long.

Your presentation should be well structured, insightful, and powerfully presented.

**PREPARE!**

### **You should discuss the following:**

-The history of your experience as a reader/writer

-The history of your attitude as a reader/writer

Be sure to explain to your audience WHY you think you feel the way you do about reading and writing.

-Standout positive and negative experiences

-Your current Strengths and Weaknesses as a reader/writer

Be as specific as you can about your skills. You may want to talk about your use of active reading strategies, your learning

style (how you learn best), etc.

-Goals, hopes, concerns about your future as a reader/writer