Personal Narrative Assignment

**Audience:** The class and me. Someone who does not know you well.

**Purpose:** To let your readers know about a passion you have for a certain profession, where that passion comes from and how that career came about as an option in your life.

**Length:** 2-3 typed double-spaced pages, MINIMUM, with 1-inch margins all around.

*****Pre-writing*****

- Write a narrative telling the story of when you first became interested in your future profession.

**Answer the questions below in the process of your narrative.**

- What do I already know about my future major/career?
- Why do I want to pursue this profession?
- What more do I want to know about this profession?

*****Drafting*****

- Think of the questions above and how you want to arrange the answers for your reader. Chronological order may work best but don’t get too caught up in the story and forget to answer the other questions.
- Think of a good hook or lead-in for your readers.
- Develop body paragraphs that answer the questions above but also flow together for the reader.
- Conclude your draft with a sense of the purpose of the assignment and what you are trying to communicate to your reader.

*****Revising, Editing & Proofreading*****

- Revise your essay with the audience in mind (the other members of class and me.)
- RE-read for clarity, paying particular attention to coherence, focus and unity.
- Does the introduction grab the reader? Does it make them want to hear more?
- Is each sentence fully expressed? Is each paragraph fully developed? Are there good transitions between paragraphs?
- Does the conclusion end the narrative in a satisfactory way for the reader???

See the Course Calendar for due dates.