**Memo #1- Literacy Narrative**

**400-500 Words**

**DUE 02/05**

This short, low-stakes memo ([memo formatting we looked at in class](https://writingcommons.org/chapters/professional-technical-communication/memos-proposals-reports/1016-memos)) will act as a way for me to get to know you better and to better understand your experiences with reading and writing **and how you believe you will use writing in your future career**. Here are a few ideas of how to frame your paper:

* You can tell me about an experience you’ve had in a writing classroom.
* You can tell me why you like, or don’t like writing with specific examples.
* You can tell me about a book/story/poem you read that had an impact on you.
* You can tell me about a pivotal moment in your writing “career.”

There are many more ways you can go about framing this paper. As writer Anne Lamott says, “Everything that happens to you is yours, and you get to tell it.”

The only stipulation I have for this paper is that you make it specific and in that way make it unique to you. For example, if you’d like to talk about your past experience with writing in the classroom, tell me a story of a specific text or teacher or experience that changed you in some way. Don’t just tell me a list of courses you’ve taken or books you’ve read—many of your peers have probably taken similar courses or read similar books. I’m interested in learning about how YOUR experience with writing is unique.