

## English 1A Diagnostic Essay (Essay # 1)

Please respond to the following:

Each of us has a unique history as a writer. I want to know about yours. Please write an essay in which you assess your strengths as a writer, aspects of writing that are challenging for you, and what you feel you can do to strengthen your skills as we journey through this class.

Somewhere in your essay, please provide at least one example related to writing or reading that is significant to you (this can be from as far back as childhood). Was there a writing project of any kind that you really enjoyed? Is there a book or story that still stands out in your mind? Is there a teacher who influenced you? You may also explore the obverse: can you pinpoint a time when writing became challenging for you? Has it always been challenging, or can you pinpoint a time when things began to change for you? Who has been helpful to you, if writing has been a struggle for you.

Have fun, take your time, and remember that this is ungraded, so you can relax and just write to the best of your ability.