

## **Introductory Exercise: Beginning to Tell Your Story**

### **Due: Session 2**

1 ½ - 2 pg, typed, double-spaced. Bring two print copies to class. One copy should be submitted to me; the other should be marked up for your own reading.

### **Writing Assignment**

Write 1-2 pg. telling us what's most important about you as a person. You might narrate a specific experience that reflects your identity or values or focus on several highlights of your life. There's no "template" for this assignment. Since this is the beginning of your story, you, as a writer, will start it in the way that you see fit.

### **Reading Assignment**

Students will continue to introduce themselves to the group by reading these assignments aloud individually. In class, we will discuss the potential for developing these exercises into longer pieces over the course of the term. Note: The writing goal for these pieces is to generate material for your writing over the course of the term; the exercise is not necessarily the introductory section of an essay (although, in some cases, it might be).

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