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Assignment 3 – Autobiography
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I was born on February 14th, 1991 in Harlem, New York City. There is very little that I can recall from my very early years of life, but I can imagine I was a happy infant, since I had food, shelter, and the affection and love of both of my parents. The earliest memories I have are of my happy days in day care and the fun I had during that period of my childhood. Colors were sharper, I was without worry, and all I really did with my time was play. Eventually, I would grow out of this beautiful stage in my life and progress into the early years of teenage-hood. At this point in my life I was not as carefree as I used to be and all sorts of new worries had taken root inside of me. In addition, it was becoming clear that this was a time in my life that could either make or destroy my future based on the choices I made. During these years, my mother became a single parent and a slew of other family issues found their way into my life. I eventually came to lose my childhood innocence as a result of it. I matured and began considering what I wanted my future to look like. My mom had made it pretty clear to me that I needed to go to college to sustain myself as an independent and educated woman, since her life had proven difficult without an education. This gave me strength and motivation, which is why I took my high school career very seriously. By my senior year in high school, I was more than ready to graduate and begin a new chapter in my life. I became tired of all of this planning for my future, but not immediately doing anything about it. I wanted to finally be proactive in leading my own life and changing the world around me. Fate would have it that I was successful in being admitted into MIT, and it completely changed my life. Admittance into MIT was the first true dream I ever dared to dream. There was nothing more empowering and transformative than to have it be realized. It is because of this that I am no longer afraid of my dreams. My years at MIT have been the most challenging in my life, but they have also been the most amazing. I worked on projects that challenged me to grow personally and professionally, and I had the privilege of traveling to Europe for the first time in my life. I am now in my senior year at MIT, and ironically, it has been very similar to my high school senior year. I now feel ready to embark on another chapter in my life and use the skills I have honed in my time at MIT to actually be a productive human being in this world. To me this means working on environmental and social issues I feel need to change. My new dream is to travel to Europe and begin my post grad life there. I want to discover the world, because there is much left for me to experience in this lifetime. Although it has not always been easy, I have grown so much because of it and am eager to experience even more.

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