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Assignment 3 – Autobiography  
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I was born on December 31, 1992 in Queens, New York. My dad is Indian and my mom is Chinese, but they were both born and raised in the Southeast Asian country of Malaysia. Malaysia is an interesting place because it is very much like the United States in terms of its ethnic diversity. The majority of people are of Malay descent, but there are large populations of Indians and Chinese who migrated there over the years. I am a citizen of both Malaysia and the United States and often go back to visit my family.

My parents moved to the United States after they were married and had my brother, who is now 14 years old, and myself. We later moved from Queens to Manhasset, a small town on the north shore of Long Island, where I attended public school. I played the piano from kindergarten through my junior year of high school and the violin as well. I attribute my love for music to my dad, who has been a musician all his life. I have also played competitive soccer from young (also one of my dad's favorite sports) and now play for MIT.

I can't say that I've always dreamt of attending MIT because I hadn't really consider it before my senior year of high school. But after realizing that it could be a great fit for me, it slowly became my number one choice, and here I am today. I am now a sophomore majoring in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences and Management. Although I have a strange combination of majors, I am still trying to figure out what I would like to do after college. One thing that I love about MIT is the fact that I am able to study such different areas, and I'm lucky to have such supportive parents as well. It's been a great experience so far and I'm excited for what is to come in the future.

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