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Assignment 3 – Autobiography  
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When I think of what defines me, without the slightest bit of hesitation I select my ethnicity, my background and, of course, my family. I first and foremost identify myself as an Armenian-American. While I am one of many Armenians living in the diaspora bearing the representative ‘ian’ (and in some cases ‘yan’) at the end of my last name, my ethnicity means far more to me than three letters. Somewhat reluctantly I realize that Armenians in the public eye, specifically of the Kardashian variety, have not necessarily fostered a positive public attitude towards my ethnicity. I hope to eventually dispel this misrepresentation of my culture in the future. My name, “Anoush”, is the Armenian word for sweet. I have an older brother graduated from college and Army ROTC this past year and is currently a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, a younger sister who started her first year at Barnard College this year and a younger brother who is currently in 6th grade.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, my family moved around a lot when I was young. When I was 7 years old, my family road-tripped down to and moved to Houston, Texas and at the age of 11 moved to Princeton, New Jersey. This past summer, my family moved back to Massachusetts, so now we call Boston home. I still have very close friends in each state. Just as an example, I currently attend Wellesley with one of my best friends from kindergarten! I love to socialize and meet new people. I truly believe that the friendships and connections people make are priceless especially because there’s always a chance you will run into these connections again.

As a senior at Wellesley College and like every other senior, I’m on the hunt for post graduation opportunities. I’m an economics major and biology minor and am ultimately looking for a career that would reconcile these two subjects. While the application process and job hunt is incredibly daunting and overwhelming at some times, I am still looking forward to what the future holds for me.

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