

## **07s:193 Teaching Literature to Adolescents**

### **Assignment One: Reading Autobiography**

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For this assignment, I'd like you to write a relatively brief autobiography of yourself as a reader of literature. What I'm hoping for, of course, is a kind of sketch of how you've developed as a reader, that is, a sketch of someone who has a history as a reader, who likes certain kinds of literature (and not others), who reads in certain ways, (but not others), and who thinks about literature in some way that is characteristic. I'm hoping that your essay will be able to explore how your reading habits have changed over time and how they might vary when you're reading for class or reading for yourself. You might even want to speculate about how or what you are going to read when you are finished with school, when you are reading only for yourself. The most important part of this essay, though, is that it be about yourself, giving you an opportunity to think through some issues that you might not have considered before.

Five or six pages. More if you need it, but not much more.