

**ENG 101 – Spring 2023**

**Essay #1**

**The Literacy Narrative Assignment Guidelines**

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As a child I was never interested in books, literature or writing, those assignments were never of my interest in my early days, the times when I was in kindergarten or even primary, to be true I thought it was boring and tedious read or write about someone else interests, maybe I was too young to realize that there's more in life than just watching tv and playing soccer.

I remember as child that I was very interested in dinosaurs and cars. I could pass hours watching the TV cartoons or programs like Discovery or History Channel about this ancient and mythological species, my mind couldn't with the idea that there were this huge prehistoric species in the same planet I was living, there was a point that I needed answers, the TV programs weren't enough I needed more information, more specific data like in which parts of the planet this dinosaurs were located, their specific names, how long did they lived, their skin color and more and more questions, I needed the answers and the TV wasn't enough, my mom realized that I was much into dinosaurs so she bought me my first book the name of this book was Dakota in English you can find it as dinomummy: the life, death and discovery of dakota, a dinosaur from hell creek. This book was like a bible for an eight year boy like me, I could pass the whole day reading this sixty four pages book, in fact I knew every chapter and I almost knew every dinosaur.

I began to realize that I knew facts or information that even some adults or teachers didn't know about at the time that was quite impressive for me, knowing more about a subject than my own teacher I began to be cocky!. My curiosity was insatiable I needed to learn more and more so I start buying and reading more books, I realized at a young age that reading wasn't boring, the problem was that people doesn't find the subjects they are really interested in. Knowing that I started to buy more books about different subjects that I knew I would like or be interested in.

One of the next books I bought was called "A Todo Futbol" in English you can find it as "All about soccer". My parents bought me this book knowing that I was a passionate of soccer, even I can remember the time I bought this book, remember I went to this book store called Gandhi in Guadalajara Mexico, this book called my attention because of the cool colors and the big golden ball on the portrait, this book was launched just before the 2010 south Africa world cup, consequently I knew almost all the necessary information from each nation, at the time I thought this was very cool because I was able to discuss with my friends about the upcoming world cup, the part from this book that gave me more intrigue was that it gave me specific information nothing to do with soccer, random information like the most popular food from each country or the life expectancy from each one, once again my curiosity was out of control I wanted to know more about this nations not just only soccer facts I began to be interested in their culture and their way of living.

Once again I realized that there were more things than just TV and playing with my toys, it was exciting to know that there's a whole world outside, a lot of interests that I still don't

know I'm interested in, a bunch of books that I haven't read and the fact that I can know me more by reading different authors each one with their own personal view about how to live or even a more simpler question, what is life for them? And how can I apply their teachings in my personal life and at the end maybe do not publicly a book, just by having the information inside me would be great.