

Educating the Teacher

Name: _____ Period: _____

Brainstorming/Planning Due: _____

Final due: _____

Your Mission

Introduce yourself to your eighth grade English teacher.

Purpose:

- give your English teacher a full and vivid picture of who you are as an individual
- explain who you are as a reader and writer and learner in English class
- describe what you need from your teacher to have a successful and delightful year

Process

First, brainstorm your content; what exactly do plan to say? Then, decide how best to communicate your information. Evidence of this process is due NEXT TIME. The final product is due the class after that.

Audience

This is for your English teacher; no one else will read this unless you choose to share it.

Starting Points (These are things to consider, not questions to answer.)

- Who are you as an individual? Who/what has contributed to who you have become? How?
- What is important to you (as a person and as an English student)? Why?
- What do you need (in English class and in life)?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses as an English student? How do you plan on strengthening these weaknesses?
- How do you learn best?
- About what do you like to read/write? Why?
- What are you currently reading?
- What are your opinions about literature, reading, writing, performing, discussing, etc?
- What goals do you have for eighth grade English and/or eighth grade in general? How do you plan on reaching these goals?

Product Guidelines

- Show evidence of your writing process (including brainstorming) as well as revisions.
- This is an English assignment and you are expected to incorporate good writing.

Key Advice for Success

Exercise your creative muscles. Your work needs to set you apart from the masses and serve as a meaningful beginning to our reading and writing journey. Draw on all that you have learned in life and in English class to create a meaningful and well-written product.

Create a strategy early in the writing process which will make your piece memorable and unique. Choose a style and format which suits your personality and message.

