

MA2 Draft

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I don't really remember learning much about how to read but I do remember practicing writing all the letters of the alphabet out and later forming them into words. I went to preschool then kindergarten and I don't remember having that moment of realizing that im reading, the closest thing to that for me was realizing I can read the back of the videogame box. I remember that before my mom would let me own a gameboy or DS I owned a leapster. The leapster would play video games, but the games would all be educational. My mom essentially tricked me into learning math and english. Which i'm grateful for. I still haven't moved from video games and it's the most reading I do. Other than that reading feels like a chore to me. Unless the book can entrance me into a world and make me feel like im along with the journey it's hard to get into.

With writing I rarely write outside of school work. The writing I do outside of schoolwork the most is writing down workouts and keeping a log of my weight and waist size. The writing in school I would most likely be doing would be informative or argumentative papers. Though I did enjoy researching and learning more on a topic it got boring and repetitive after awhile. However, I did enjoy writing in my creative writing class I took for two semesters. Writing in that class made me feel like I discovered a new part of writing. I've read plenty of adventure/ fantasy books but ive never had to

write one out. It felt like unlocking an ability I knew was there but just didn't know how it worked.

My feelings about my reading and writing habits come from school assignments. My mom would make me finish my homework and reading before I could go play with my friends or watch television. This really pushed me into thinking that reading and writing is a chore that I need to get done and have it over with so I can do what I want to do. Today I still have that feeling but its being lessened. After last year having to read "The Kite Runner" and "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" made me appreciate reading more. I really appreciated those books and how they taught me that reading can be enjoyable and not feel like a chore. Those books have definitely acted like a sponsor to me.

Some of my other literacy sponsors would have to be my mom, my friend Tommy, my creative writing teacher Mr. Weber, video games, and this MacBook im typing on. My mom pushed me to get my reading and writing done before I could go out and play. This definitely helped me get my work done but only so I could do what I wanted to do. My friend Tommy pushes me and he doesn't even know it. He has been a really good friend of mine since we were little. We would play wiffle ball outside and Mario Kart inside. He graduated as the salutatorian and it still shocks me that he's my friend and he's so smart. He pushes me to improve myself and work hard.

This new Macbook I got has certainly helped with my will to write. I hated writing on paper. My hand would always cramp up and I would just be uncomfortable. With typing its so much easier. I used to struggle trying to find each individual key but now I

can almost type without looking at the keyboard. The autocorrect is really underappreciated and extremely useful, and it's really nice how you can just go to a different tab and do your research or look up a definition. It has really made writing less of a chore for me.