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Courses: MTH-110 (Finite Mathematics) or MTH-115 (Ideas in Mathematics)

Description of assignment:

A Math Autobiography

This assignment is given so that you can reflect on your preconceived prejudices or dislikes for mathematics. Part of the purpose of this course is to begin to break down some of the barriers that students have about learning mathematics and this paper will give you a chance to set the tone for yourself and for the class. I also want to know a little about your mathematical background.

Reflection prompts:

Please write a paper (approximately two pages) which is your math autobiography. It should include the following elements:

- Introduce yourself to me. Tell me who you are.
- Your first vivid memory of math.
- Your best and worst math experience.
- How your attitude toward math has changed over time.
- Why you are taking this course and what you expect to learn in it.
- Write about anything else you associate with math.

In short, tell me something about yourself as a person and as a student. Feel free to include any information about yourself that you would like me to know.