BEFORE YOU READ THIS STORY: Go to the last page & complete (actually do the writing of) that assignment.

Assignment #1

Before you read this story, you are to write ¾ of a page to one page on the following topic: **the most influential event (which can be defined as a moment, a day, or even a year)** in your educational career. In other words, looking back at this moment, what had the most impact on you as a student. It can be a positive experience or a negative one. It can be about a teacher, a class, a punishment, a moment of praise. Just make sure that it is real and that you would feel comfortable reading it aloud in class. If it happened at this school, make sure that you don't use any real names (of teachers or of students). After you are done with your essay read "John and Barbara's Story," and the poem excerpt you received in class today (by Wordsworth). Can you make a connection between that poem, what your wrote, and "John and Barbara's Story."

There is no right or wrong here – just honesty.

