Literacy narrative

Earliest memory of reading and writing

My earliest memory of literacy was listening to my father read my children's books. I especially remember hearing my father read stories to me like *Rumpelstiltskin*, *The Giving Tree,* and *Cat in the Hat*. Interesting characters, absurd scenarios and new vocabulary were all aspects of the stories that made me look forward to hearing them so much.

Learning to read and write

My father motivated me to learn how to read and write by offering rewards for reading books, learning new words and completing writing exercises. I recall relentlessly speeding through a particular book one day because I was promised my first pet turtle for its completion.

What kind of reading in past/now

As a child, reading books was quite challenging for me. I always had a problem with losing my focus while starring at pages of text. As a young reader, I loved reading the *Captain Underpants* series because of how funny I found them and my entertainment with the illustrations on every page.

My 8th grade English teacher Mrs. Mayer

It wasn't until the 8th grade when I had Mrs. Mayer as my English teacher that I realized my actual appreciation for literacy and focused more on my reading and writing. She made me