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Life Map Narrative Writing Assignment

“Autobiographical writing
is a type of narrative which focuses on
making meaning of an individual's experiences.”
(Godfrey, 2003)

Create a Life Map Timeline representing significant life events and highlighting your own educational journey and literacy development. You will be invited to share your narrative with another classmate in class on the due date:

Create your Road Map of life

Starting at birth and continuing through today, chart major milestones that have occurred in your life thus far, highlighting your educational journey and literacy development. Record obstacles or roadblocks you have encountered. These are the events that have led to your development and growth to where you are today. Everyone has a story to tell. This is the story of your life; the things that make you who you are. You will need to think about memories and events that are important to you or events that changed your life in some way.

You should have approximately 10 significant events (7 past and 3 future). Some examples may be: your birth, starting school, moving or losing a friend, family events such as marriages, divorces, and teachers/coaches who inspired/challenged you. You will need to represent approximately 3 events that you hope or wish will happen in the future. These can be goals, dreams and plans for your future.

Record your age at each event you represent on your map. Each event or future goal can be represented with an image, symbol or photo as well as a narrative text describing the event and the significant impact it has had on your life.

Be creative and have fun!

Success Criteria: Approximately 10 significant events, thoughtfully represented on your map, including some highlighted events connecting to your educational journey. The final product is thorough, organized, insightful and creative.

Assignment Mark: 100 points (50% of final mark)

Assignment Due Date: **MM DD YY**

Narrative Writing Assignment: Life Map Timeline Guidelines

Choose one of the following modalities to represent your Life Map Timeline:

1. **Traditional Narrative Essay or Creative Representation**
2. **Digital Platform: Sutori Creation (or another digital timeline tool)**

1. Traditional Narrative Essay (guidelines)

- 3-4 pages double spaced, Calibri 11 or Times New Roman 12 pt. font
- Proofread! Should be free of errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Have someone proofread it for you:
 - o Friend or family member
 - o The Writing Centre
 - o <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-success-centre/academic-support-zone/thunder-bay/writing-support>
- Cite your sources if you use them. Style manual APA 7th Edition is traditionally used in Education. However, it is fine to use a different citation style, just be consistent.
 - o <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01>

2. Digital Platform: Sutori Creation (guidelines)

Please note, these are the guidelines for creating your timeline in Sutori, you are free to use another digital timeline tool if you like as long as you ensure that the guideline criteria are still being adhered to.

“Sutori is an educational presentation tool in a timeline format. Sutori follows the 4Cs framework, promoting collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.”

- Follow the link to the **Sutori** website and set up a free account: <https://www.sutori.com/>
- Take the short **student tutorial** to learn how to use this digital presentation tool: <https://www.sutori.com/story/student-tutorial--fDrqDhaMXxGZYn1EAoCux3m6>
- **Create a story** using the multiple features in **Sutori**: banner, headers, text, links, video, and images. Create, have fun and enjoy!
- **Length**: Your story should include **approximately 10 segments**, using a variety of tools with substantial texts and images to represent your narrative (equivalent to 2-3 page essay).
- **Cite** your sources and include at the end of your story. Style manual APA 7th Edition is traditionally used in Education. However, it is fine to use a different citation style, just be consistent. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01>
- **Sample Sutori Creation**: Check out this sample Sutori for reference while you create your own timeline: