**The Literacy Narrative Unit**

For this unit, we will critically read and discuss a number of personal essays on the role that education has played in people’s lives; then, you will write about the ways in which education shaped the person you are today. The genre of narrative writing is often assigned in and of itself, but narrative writing is also used as an important part of another assignment. This essay assignment asks you to write a story about key moments in your education, and how that education made you the reader and writer you are today. Narratives are important in our lives; stories seem to be universal, a feature of every single known culture. There is something fundamentally human about the power of storytelling.

In this unit you will:

* Practice critical reading strategies, including annotation and note-taking
* Discuss and ask questions about our assigned articles
* Identify the rhetorical choices that are important to this genre of writing
* Incorporate Scenes and Summaries, Detailed Description, and Dialogue to reach your audience and achieve your writing goals
* Combine narration, description, and reflection to capture what happened, who was involved, and how the events and people you discuss had a lasting impact on you as a student.

**Reading Assignments for This Unit:**

* *Everyone’s An Author* chapters 8, 14 (313-315 and 319-320 only)
* *The Little Seagull Handbook* section W-10 (Personal Narratives)
* Assigned sample Literacy Narratives from *EAA*
* Handouts on Scenes and Summaries, Detailed Description, and Dialogue

**Homework and/or Graded Assignments for This Unit:**

* One Supplemental Assignment (Discussion Board Post, Responses, Summaries, etc.)
* The Literacy Narrative First Draft
* The Literacy Narrative Second Draft