

Turn-It-In Automathography

Due Friday, September 11

Learning Goal: Students will become more aware of and identify the role math has played in their daily lives leading up to the beginning of this math course.

Overview: Math has played an important role in the lives of people dating back for many, many years. While math teachers, statisticians and accountants all use math quite often in their daily lives, it is still useful and in fact influences the lives of each and every person living on the planet. Imagine life without credit cards, insurance, grocery stores, music or even the Internet! Each one of these luxuries we all use on a daily basis is enjoyable, efficient and useful because of mathematics.

Many students struggle with mathematics because of one poor classroom experience or one unfortunate choice. Often times it seems one's perception of mathematics is based on one very good or very bad experience in their early education.

How has math influenced your life? Your assignment is to write a brief history of your life as it relates to mathematics. You may take a positive or negative take on this depending on your personal perceptions and experiences.

The paper should be at least one page typed, double-spaced using at most 12-point font.

Some suggestions for organization:

- Introduce yourself and include math courses you've taken so far. Who was your favorite math teacher (and why)? What your your favorite class (and why)?
- Describe one hobby, job, interest or event unique to your life that has been important to you that somehow involved the use of math. Some examples might be working at a restaurant, creating invoices/bills for lawn mowing or babysitting business, or taking statistics for a sports team. Include details of the math calculations or concepts you used.
- Describe how you see yourself using math in your future as a student or in the workplace.

A sample of my automathography is on the back of this assignment.