Assignment #1: Write A Letter of Introduction

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now that we’re starting to get to know each other better, I would like for you to tell me about yourself in writing!

Your assignment is to write me a **minimum one-page letter, double-spaced**. It can be hand-written or it can be typed. You may write about your favourite sport, your favourite band, or what you like to do in your spare time. Tell me what you care about. You can tell me something that you are good at, or something that you are crummy at. You can describe your friends, family, and your pets, if you have any. You can tell me anything you’d like.

However, **you must include some thoughts on writing**, which may include the following: what you like or don’t like to write, what you’re good or bad at in writing, or perhaps things you’ve written in the past that you’re proud of.

You have two-three classes to complete this assignment.

Good Luck!

Dear Students,

Welcome to language arts. Why do they call it language arts, exactly? Well, a man named Mr. Martin said it best: because you are going to become *language artists*. In regular art, you use paint, clay and other materials to make art. Here, your tools are words, punctuation, and grammar. If you learn how to choose the best words, with order and punctuation, you can do virtually anything.

I am your teacher, Ms. Talbot. I’ve always enjoyed reading and writing, and I’ve also always enjoyed school. This is why I pursued a career in teaching languages. Ever since I was in elementary school, I’ve loved reading new books or writing in one of my many journals, even though it wasn’t always easy. Writing isn’t easy, it takes work, but if you put your mind to it, you will succeed!

This class will be a two-way street. My job is to make sure that you gain the skills and knowledge that will help you move forward in life, and my goal is to help you reach your goals. However, you need to come to class every day prepared and ready to achieve, with an open mind as well! You are all unique, and I would like to showcase that in this class!

Now, a little bit more about myself: I graduated from Sainte-Anne, the university in Clare, but I am originally from Cape Breton Island. I have one sister, and she is also a teacher, but she lives on the island. We’re very close in age, as well as hobbies and accomplishments. I teach English, but I also speak French, a skill I hope some of you will consider taking on in the future! I am obsessed with music, so much so that I DJ in my spare time over the weekend. Unfortunately, I am a Leafs fan, but what can you do when the blue blood runs in your veins. I’ve acted and sang in five musical productions in the last six years, but before that I had absolutely no training or experience! My friend Melanie was a large inspiration for me to get involved in the theatre. My favourite movie is Fight Club, and I would list my favourite TV shows, but we would be here all night. I have no pets, but my dream pet is a Bernese Mountain dog. Finally, this is my first full year teaching! This year will be an adventure for us both.

Sincerely,

Ms. Talbot