Math Autobiography

Purpose of the Assignment:  As your teacher, I want to get to know you as a person and as a student of mathematics.   
  
**Content:**    
Remember the purpose of the paper/video.  Write about what will give me a picture of you.  The key to writing/making a good piece is to give lots of detail.  See the example below:  
  
Not enough detail:  I hated math in fourth grade, but it got better in sixth grade.  
  
Good detail:  I hated math in fourth grade because I had trouble learning my multiplication tables.  I was really slow at doing problems, and I was always the last one to finish the timed tests.  It was really embarrassing.

Each of the following sections should be a new paragraph or included in your video.   
**Introduction**•    How would you describe yourself?  
•    Where are you from?    
•    General interests:  favorite subjects, activities, and hobbies.  
  
**Experience with Math**  
•    What math classes have you taken and how well did you do in them?  
•    What have your experiences in math classes been like?  
•    How do you feel about math?  
  
**Learning Styles and Habits (specifically for math)**•    Do you learn best from reading, listening or doing?  
•    Do you prefer to work alone or in groups?  
•    Describe some of your study habits. Do you take notes?  Are they helpful?    
  
**The Future**  
•    What are your expectations for this class?  
•    What are your responsibilities as a student in this class?   
•    What do you expect from your teacher?  
   
**Assignment Requirements**   
Typed:

* Double-spaced (Format – Paragraph – Spacing – **Line Spacing Double**)
* 12 point type (Arial or Times New Roman or Calibri)
* About a page long (300-600 words)
* Each section a new paragraph (4 sections)
* **Add a picture of yourself** to the beginning of you Autobiography

Video

* At least 1 minute in length
* Must answer the questions listed above
* You must turn in an outline for your video

Grading:  This paper/video will not be graded for writing style and composition in the same way that you would be graded in English, but I do expect proper spelling and/or grammar to be used.

You will be graded using the following rubric:

# Math Autobiography Grading Sheet

## Criteria Points Earned

**Content:**    80pts (15 per section) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Format \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  
- Double-spaced (5 pts)

- Picture of Student (10 pts)  
 - Correct length (20 pts)

- Each section a new paragraph (5 pts)

OR

-Video is at least 1 minute in length (20 pts)

-Student introduces themselves (10 pts)

-Student turn in an outline (10 pts)

**Spelling/Grammar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  
•    One point will be deducted for each spelling or grammar mistake

**Late:** (-10 per class day) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points Earned: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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