**English 100W--Introductory Writing**

Overview: This is just a warm-up exercise to give me a sense of what my students are interested in and how well they express their ideas in writing. It will be graded like a homework assignment (10 points) not like a “diagnostic” essay, but please do your best in terms of development and grammar. The better the grammar, the less time I’ll have to spend on grammar in class.

Directions: Please type up your answers to the questions below and submit them on Canvas.

Questions:

1. **Poetry:** How do you feel about poetry, both reading it and writing it? Be as specific as you can, mentioning any poets/poems that you feel strongly about. (Note: you can include song lyrics as poetry, too.)
2. **Reading:** Aside from poetry, what other kinds of things do you like to read (including online)? Are there any particular favorite books that you would say have had a significant impact on you?
3. **Writing:** Tell me about yourself as a writer. What kinds of things do like to you write? Are there any kinds of writing you dislike? If so, why? Tell me about the best piece of writing you’ve ever done.
4. **Your major:** How did you choose your major, and what do you want to do with it?
5. **Journeys:** Tell me a story about a journey you have taken or would like to take someday. Then tell me what you think this says about you.
6. **Questions?:** If you have any questions for me yet, ask them here. Also, tell me anything else about yourself that I might need to know to teach you better.