Autobiography of a Reader HW Assignment

Interpretation of Literature | Section 87

This course aims to encourage an interest in reading. To get you thinking about the role of reading in your life, the “autobiography of a reader” assignment asks you to reflect on your reading practices up to this point in time, your current reading preferences, and your current attitude toward reading. You should write a **2-page** (double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt font, with MLA header and heading [see Purdue OWL for help with MLA]) essay divided into logically organized paragraphs in which you consider the role of reading in your childhood, adolescence, and/or adulthood. You *must* detail your current reading preferences and habits (i.e., do you mostly just read social media sites? Online news pages? Magazines? Novels? Biographies?) You should also analyze why you think you have those preferences. Other points you might consider include the following:

* What is your earliest memory of reading? How do you think this memory impacted your development as a reader (if it did)?
* Who taught you/encouraged you to read? How did that influence your development as a reader?
* Do any reading experiences in school stick out to you? Why?
* Can you remember when you began reading less/more? Why do you think this change occurred?
* Can you remember when you gained an interest in a particular genre of reading? Why do you think this change occurred?
* If you view reading in a negative light, why do you think that is? Was there a particular negative experience that you remember? Explain.
* If you view reading in a positive light, why do you think that is? Was there a particular positive experience that you remember? Explain.
* How do you imagine that this class will impact your reading habits (if at all)? Do you hope to (re)gain an interest in reading?

**This essay must be submitted to the appropriate ICON DropBox folder by class time (9:30 am) on Tuesday, September 2.**