

# Mathography Prompt

Whether we like it or not, good or bad, we all have a history with mathematics. In your quest to learn mathematics, I am asking you to reflect on your history with mathematics and experiences in math classes by writing a mathography. A mathography is similar to an autobiography except it is focused on your personal history with mathematics. This is a chance for you to reflect on your personal history with math and also an opportunity to share your mathematical experiences with me. Don't limit yourself to your experiences in math class. Be honest; your writing will only be read by me unless you would like to share. Try to make it interesting; I will be reading a lot of these!

Please write your mathography in a letter format addressed to me. Your letter should address each of the general topics below in bold. Half of the letter should be just about you and half should be about you as a math student.. Yes, spelling and grammar counts, so pay attention to it as you are writing.

## FORMAT

Date

Dear Mrs. Buena,

**About you:** How many people are in your family? What are your interests, talents, hobbies? When is your birthday? What sports do you play? Do you like school? What is your favorite class? Tell me anything about yourself that you feel I should know or you are proud of.

## **You as a math student:**

The following are some questions to ponder:

- How do you feel about math? Do you like it or dislike it? Why do you feel the way you do?
- What makes math great or horrible for you?
- What experiences in math have you liked? Why?
- Describe your most memorable experience in learning math (good or bad).
- How do you feel about taking the math class you are taking this year? What do you expect to learn about?
- What year was math the best for you? What made it good in terms of math?
- Do you like some areas of math better than others? If so, which ones do you like or dislike? Why do you dislike or like them?
- Have you ever worked in a team in math class? How do you feel about working in a team?

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Period/Class

**Your mathography is due Monday, August 18, 2014**