

Theme for English 4: Introduction Letter or Poem

In Langston Hughes's poem "Theme for English 4," his teacher instructs him to "Go home and write / a page tonight, / And let that page come out of you." As Hughes points out in his poem, it is difficult to capture yourself on a page, but in order to get to know you, I would like you to try

YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

Introduce yourself to me in a letter or a poem—and "let that page come out of you." I would like you to address some specific aspects of your life:

As you write, tell me about—

1. Your background, hometown, family, hobbies, etc.
2. Favorite books and music
3. What you believe/your values
4. What you love/hate or can't tolerate
5. Yourself as a reader
6. Yourself as a writer
7. Your goals for this class and beyond

NOTE: You **MUST** include some comments about yourself **as a writer and reader.** What do you still have trouble with? Never did understand? What do you want to learn this year about writing and about literature?

Keep in mind that this assignment will be graded as a quiz grade, but will also serve as your introduction to me, so please give some thought to what you will write since first impressions are **VERY** important! Be sure to let me hear **YOUR** voice in your letter.

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