

21W. 730
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Writing and the Environment

Introductory assignment (“autobiographical sketch”)
—due Thursday, Feb. 3rd

This assignment offers you an opportunity to tell me—and the rest of the class—something about yourself. If you are a freshman or sophomore, explain how and why you ended up at MIT. If you are a junior or senior, you may choose to explain instead how and why you ended up in your current major. In the course of exploring these questions, you might tell us a relevant story. Perhaps there was an event or a relationship that played a key role in your decision. Probe beneath the surface of your experience. Do not give us the explanation that you might have offered to your high school guidance counselor.

While this is not a formal essay, you should make every effort to express your thoughts accurately. Be sure to proofread your response before bringing it to class. The finished piece should be one to two pages long (double-spaced).