

Blue Bowl Essay

For your final writing assignment of the year, you will compose a personal essay, patterned after Alice Walker's "My Mother's Blue Bowl". Walker's piece exemplifies the flexibility afforded by the personal essay. "Using literary devices. . . along with stylistic fragments, autobiographical details, and a conversational tone," Walker gives her reader an intimate glimpse into the significance of this ordinary piece of blue pottery (Garrison et. al. 638).

Essay & Presentation Directions: Write a personal essay 1-2 pages focused on a significant item in your life. Your essay should be written from the first-person point of view and include literary and stylistic elements along with personal details which will make your essay both interesting and relatable. You will also prepare a 2-4-minute presentation to be delivered on the final day of the quarter. You may use a prop and notecards during your presentation but must maintain proper eye contact throughout.