

FIRST ASSIGNMENT!

TREASURES THAT MATTER

Each of us has treasured "things" we hold on to and value. Please choose a treasure in YOUR life and write about it in 500 words or less. Bring these word with you on the first day of class. You will be reading what you wrote, out loud, to the other members of your group so please consider this when writing. If you wish, you may also bring your treasured item, or a photograph of it, to show as you read.

Here are some questions to consider to help you get started. You may choose to use any of these prompts as you write, or, you can also ignore them and write about your treasure in any way you prefer.

1. Describe what the object is, where and when you got it and from whom. How did you feel and what was your first thought when you saw it, brought it home, used it for the first time?
2. What is it that makes it special for you? What is its value -- sentimental, financial, other?
3. Does it symbolize something for you?
4. How would it affect you, how would your life be different, if you never had it or lost it?
5. Do you have any new revelations when thinking and writing about this object, some new thinking that may not have occurred to you before giving it this time and attention?
6. Is there someone you would like to have this object now or at some future time? Now or later? Why that person?

For example, I have a beaded bracelet I made from the beaded necklaces my Mother left behind. The bracelet has some value in itself but its most important worth is the memories I have in seeing my Mother wearing those beads. I have a particular person in mind who, I believe, would value the bracelet as much as I do. I will give it to her when the time is right.