

Way -y-y-y-y-y-y Beyond Description

I know, I know—you are unique! No One in the world who has ever lived is exactly like you!

And that, my dear students was the FIRST of your three tasks to complete this assignment. You need to find 100 adjectives that describe who you are, listing them alphabetically for all to see. You need to locate some words that no one knows - like perspicacious - but YOU will need to know what they mean.

But, as you know, you have become the person you are thanks to others with whom you have come into contact—family, friends, teachers, strangers, even book characters! So your SECOND task is to complete a short essay (one page or so, double spaced) describing both an individual and an incident that has contributed to making you the kind of person that you are today - in effect, that explains the adjectives you chose to describe yourself.

Then comes the most revealing, creative and interpretive part: for your THIRD activity you are going to take all 100 adjectives and create an illustration that uses only the adjectives that is connected, somehow, with the essay you just wrote. Perhaps it will be the image of a tree because the person who you wrote about shared her love of nature with you. Maybe it will be a spiral because the person you wrote about enters and re-enters your life occasionally and always teaches you something about yourself. No drawing is wrong!

Think deeply, find some big words and start revealing you to the rest of us! Have a good trip!