

## HOMEWORK FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

Write your own "About the author" - this should be done in 3rd person! It would be very smart (hint, hint) to go back to the examples we read in class (Munoz, Gillette, Buckley, etc.) and keep it brief. You'll want to include some type of info that links you to your belief statement. Take the Pizza Dude for example: "Sarah has held many jobs in her life, including telemarketer, factory worker, hotel clerk, and flower shop cashier, but she has never delivered pizzas. Raised in Wisconsin, Adams is now an English professor at Olympic College in Washington." **Keep this short. Just a couple of sentences; no more than 100 words.**

Now that you've had the opportunity to develop, compose and publish to a live audience your own personal "This I Believe" statement, we'd like you to reflect on some decisions you made while writing. Please write a 1 page reflection on the following:

- Explain or justify why you chose to include your "I believe that..." statement in the particular place you did.
- Discuss the specific organizational structure in which you decided to write your statement. Did you keep a model of one we read in class in mind while you were writing or brainstorming?
- In regard to diction, please justify your 15th, 32nd and 50th word choices.
- Describe the choices you made in your language and diction. How does your diction add to the overall tone you wished to convey?
- Was writing this essay an easy or challenging experience?
- What is your impression of the elmo sharing?

You may share this via google.docs if you would like. If you do so, the grading of your reflection will also be done electronically.

Submit: [www.thisibelieve.org](http://www.thisibelieve.org) - you must print the page at the bottom of the doc. **YOU MUST HAVE THIS PAGE IN CLASS FOR MONDAY TO SHOW THAT YOU DID INDEED SUBMIT**

HOMEWORK: Find one local and one national letters to the editor. Bring in a printed copy of each.

Here are some places to start...

LOCAL:

[mlive.com](http://mlive.com)

NATIONAL:

<http://www.iht.com/>

[www.nytimes.com/](http://www.nytimes.com/)

[www.washingtonpost.com/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/)