Response Journal Two: Finding Ideas

Like the writers whose work we’ve been reading, you, too, have many experiences and examples to share. One of the best places to look for examples is in areas you’re an expert. For this assignment, you’ll write a piece about one of your hobbies or interests.

Assignment: Write about two paragraphs (at least 21 lines, typed and double-spaced) about a hobby or interest of yours outside of school. How did you get started in this hobby? How often do you participate in it? Is it something you do alone, or in a group? If the latter, how did you meet your group/team? Why is this activity important to you? Most importantly, what have you learned from this hobby? What has it made you better at?

Hint: Don’t think of just crocheting when you think of hobbies.

Playing video games is a hobby. Reading science fiction novels is a hobby. Spending your Saturdays at the park people watching is a hobby. Writing letters to your grandmother is a hobby. Working on your car is a hobby… and on and on. Talk about something you do – something you’re an expert in – that’s not your job and is not your schoolwork.

This assignment will be due at the next class period. I’ll be evaluating it based not on how awesome your hobby sounds (but I bet it sounds awesome), but on how well you’ve described what skills or knowledge you’ve gained.