Step One: Please write one well-developed summary paragraph of your literacy narrative.
• Consider yourself a reader of this narrative essay, not the writer, and write in the 3rd person. For example, if I were writing a summary of my own literacy narrative, I might begin, “In her essay “Reflections on Literacy,” Jane Walker explores how her love of reading began with visits to the public library in her youth.”
• Include a topic sentence (title, author, main idea) like the one above, as well as the key supporting points in your essay. Then, as usual, consider your audience to be someone who has not read the essay but is interested in these ideas.
• Take some time before you turn in your paper to proofread for editing errors, particularly fragments, run-ons, and comma errors. Format: word-process, 12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced.

Step Two: Now that you have a more well-developed draft of Essay #1, you can take a closer look at your beginning and your ending. Look once more at the sections on beginnings and endings in Models (see pp. 137-142). Find a strategy that might work for your beginning (anecdote, analogy/comparison, dialogue/quotations, and so on). Write that strategy in the space below and briefly explain how you would use that to create an alternate beginning from what you have now.

Beginning strategy: ________________________________________________
Brief explanation: ______________________________________________________________
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Step Three: Your conclusion is a good place to reflect on the main point (“so what factor”) you are making in your essay. What are some points you want to reflect on in your conclusion? List them here:
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