Write an essay about yourself that will help the class and I to get to know you as an individual. The essay should address the three general topics below (in bold). The questions provided below are merely suggestions to help you get started. First write a rough draft in pencil on notebook paper that will be read and edited by others in the class tomorrow who will also offer suggestions to improve your Mathography. Your final draft must be typed, double spaced (like this paragraph and not the ones below) and not more than 2 pages, but at least 1 full page, and use the correct heading indicated above. You will read your essay to the class.

About You: By what name do you like to be called? With whom do you live? What languages do you speak? What languages are spoken at home? What are your interests, talents, and hobbies? What are you proud of? When is your birthday?

You as a Math Student: Describe your math memories from kindergarten until now. What experiences in math have you liked? Why? How do you feel about taking this math course? When you are doing math problems do you say things to yourself like, “I’m on the right track,” or “I’m not good at this.” Are you more likely to think to yourself, “Is this my best work,” or “It’s good enough.” Why do you think you talk this way to yourself?

You as a Student: What are you like as a student? What are your academic strengths and weaknesses? What are your favorite courses? What have you liked about them? Have you worked with others before? Do you like working as part of a study team? Why or why not? When you are doing your schoolwork do you say things to yourself like, “This is too hard,” or “This may take some time and effort.” Are you more likely to think to yourself, “I made a mistake,” or “Mistakes help me improve.” Why do you think you talk to yourself this way?

Your rough draft should be on notebook paper and in pencil and is due on TUESDAY, 8/25/15

Your final draft must be typed and is due on THURSDAY, 8/27/15