**Assignment:** You will compose a non-fiction Narrative Paper entitled “This I Believe.” In class we have talked about non-fiction. We have read a variety of non-fiction pieces as well as novels and short stories. For this assignment you will compose a 2-3 page narrative (story) about a belief you have. You need to describe a time when your belief was formed or tested or changed. You need to be specific. You should ground your story in the events of your life. Think of your own experience, work and family, and tell of the things you know that no one else does. Your story should be *real*. Make sure your story ties to the essence of your daily life philosophy and the shaping of your beliefs. We will explore a variety of sample “This I Believe” narratives so you know what is expected.

Here are the requirements:

* 2-3 Pages – MLA Format
* Written in first person
* A strong introduction that establishes the narrator, setting and situation
* Strong transitions between ideas and/or events
* Excellent sensory detail – help the reader understand exactly what you experienced
* Use of at least five lines of dialogue to bring your narrative to life
* Strong organization – you can follow a traditional plot line, or choose a different type of organization appropriate for your story
* A consistent tone – if your writing is serious, humorous, reflective, content, hopeful, happy etc… maintain this tone throughout. The narrative should be written in **your voice** – contractions are acceptable.
* Easily identifiable “belief statement” – this need not be explicit, but the reader should know what the writer has discovered to be true
* A conclusion that reflects on what is experienced or resolved
* Proper use of grammar and spelling
* Submit this narrative to turnitin.com

First draft due: \_September 8th

Final draft due: September 12th

Final day for turnitin.com submission: \_September 17th\_