Autobiographical Speech Assignment

Write a 5-paragraph autobiographical essay. The purpose of this assignment is to help me get to know you as a person and to get a sense of you as a writer. It should reflect your passions, interests, goals and ambitions. Try to really let your character and spirit shine! Humor is welcome!!

Essay structure:

1. An introductory paragraph that states some basic facts about yourself (Age, cultural background, where you’ve grown up, general interests, personality traits, etc.—basically the kind of info that you put on your information sheet yesterday).
2. Three body paragraphs:

* The first paragraph should be about **a momentous time or event in your life**. It could be serious or humorous. What made it important? How did it affect you afterwards? How did it shape you? This could be a special holiday, a challenging moment, or a moment of great success.
* The second paragraph should be about a **passion.** What are you most passionate about and why? This could be **anything**, from fashion or art to reading or sports. Sharing achievements connected to your passion is encouraged.
* The third paragraph should focus on your **future.** This could mean tomorrow, next month, next year, five years from now… What are your goals and ambitions? What do you want to avoid?

1. Conclude with a quote or saying that inspires you. Explain why you chose it and what it means to you.

For the second part of this assignment, you will be turning this essay into a speech. The speech will consist of the introduction paragraph, any one of the three body paragraphs, and the conclusion. You will be reciting your speech to the class. Make sure you are writing to appeal to both myself and an audience of your peers. Keep speeches brief. Props, costumes and other forms of creativity are welcomed and encouraged.

You will receive a participation grade, as well as some feedback about your writing and speaking skills. **This is a chance for us to get to know each other.** Think about what kind of impression you would like to make.

Essays will be due on Tuesday, August 20th and speeches will be performed on Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21.