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Literacy Narrative

As I look back on my experiences with literacy, the first event that comes to mind is being to read to by my parents each night before bed. Because of this, I became an avid reader in my middle school and high school career. Through my middle school and high school years, because of all the reading I had done as a child, I developed a passion for writing. I credit my passion for reading and writing to my parents and their constant guidance to help me learn to read as it made me pursue my current journalism major.

Another prominent experience I have had with literacy was taking journalism in high school. Of course, this was the class that first made me think about doing journalism in college. I went to a small high school; therefore, the class size was small. Throughout the course, we learned about yearbook design, press laws, photography, and newspaper writing. Because I was exposed to many different avenues, I have gained a variety of skills in the categories of written, oral, visual, and electronic. I also learned which avenue of journalism I like best, which is the newspaper and magazine side of it.

The last example of a literacy experience I had, and still have, is social media. Throughout various clubs I was in in high school, I was in charge of running the twitter, instagram, and facebook pages. I was the online editor of my school newspaper, therefore, it was my responsibility to regularly update the website and social media posts. With social media,

especially in high schools, students running the page have to be very diligent about what they post. This was the case in my school. Sometimes there would be articles ideas that were slightly controversial, and our principle would advise us to avoid them. Even though they could have been great articles that generated a lot of visits to our website and social media, in the end, the school was the owner of the newspaper, and we had to do what administration said.

With all the experiences in literacy, I have developed life long skills that have helped my pursue a major in journalism.