**Recipe Writing Assignment**

“When I walk into my kitchen today, I am not alone. Whether we know it or not, none of us is. We bring fathers and mothers and kitchen tables, and every meal we have ever eaten. Food is never just food. It’s also a way of getting at something else: who we are, who we have been, and who we want to be.”

~Molly Wizenberg

**Purpose:** To write a recipe that captures an aspect of your family/your identity

**Step 1. Brainstorm some of your favorite foods/family recipes:**

**Step 2. Pick one food item that you think you will share. Then, answer the following questions about your food item.**

1. Does the title of the recipe have a special meaning for you?
2. In what context do you eat/ cook this food/recipe?
3. Does this food evoke a particular memory? If so, write it below.
4. Who are the people who share this meal with you?
5. What sights, smells, tastes, and sounds that this recipe evokes?
6. How is the meal served? Where? What does the table look like?
7. Has the meaning/significance of this recipe/food evolved or changed over time?

After answering the above questions, write a well-developed piece of writing (**minimum of one paragraph)** in which you:

* Identify the food item
* Explain why the food item is important to you
* How this food connects to your identity

Your Assignment: to write a recipe for your food that you have chosen to share. Fill in the rubric below based on what your classmates have determined should be included. Then, write your recipe accordingly.

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| Recipe Writing Rubric | | | | |
| In the space provided below you are to write what a good recipe should have (based on the brainstorming of your classmates). Be sure to include a description of what that means. For example: if one of your items could be “writing mechanics: an excellent recipe will have perfect writing mechanics with no errors so the reader can read it clearly.” | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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