

Pair Share/ Writing History

Think about your **evolution** as a reader, from your earliest days until now. Write in response to the following questions:

- *What or who supported you in your **literacy** development? Explain-give examples.*

- *What barriers have you faced at various stages in your life as a reader? Explain-give examples.*

- *What were times you felt like an insider/outsider in relation to reading? Explain- give examples.*

Each of you will talk from your Personal Reading History notes for about 3+ minutes, without any interruption or even comments by the other person. This can be harder on the listener than the speaker, since our natural inclination is to chime in ("Oh, yeah, that happened to me too!") or to express support ("Wow! That sounds really hard!")

After you have each taken a turn hearing each other, write your answers to the following questions:

- *What similarities and differences did you notice in each others' Personal Reading Histories?*

- *Did anything surprise you about doing this reflection on your own history?*

- *Did anything surprise you about listening to your partner's history?*