

Write an automathography to help me understand your mathematics background. Below are some questions to help guide your writing. You may answer as many of these questions as you choose, but your automathography needs to be at least one single-spaced page long and should be a cohesive paper that flows well between topics, not a series of separate paragraphs responding to individual questions (though you should certainly use paragraphs). This assignment will be graded holistically and thus should be written with proper grammar and punctuation. It should address your personal experiences with mathematics and should be your own college-level writing. Your automathography is due as a hard copy at the beginning of class on **Friday, September 5**.

- How would you define mathematics? Don't look it up in a dictionary—define it yourself.
- Watch this pair of [Michael Jordan commercials](#). St. Augustine of Hippo wrote “Fallor ergo sum,” which translates to “I err, therefore I am.” Considering these two examples, what do you think the role of failure and making mistakes is in learning? How does that apply to learning mathematics in particular?
- Do you like some areas/aspects of math better than others? If so, which ones do you like or dislike? Why?
- Describe your most memorable experience of learning mathematics.
- Review the [Suggestions for Learning Mathematics](#). Which of these do you plan to implement to help your learning in this course and how do you plan to implement them?
- What are the important questions mathematics asks?
- What are the important questions mathematics is used to answer?
- How do you think learning mathematics can inform your faith and how do you think your faith can inform your mathematical learning?

**Note:** I will consider giving extra credit for creative automathographies (e.g., a graphic novel, a children's book, a song, a poem, a video, etc., some of which may need to be handed in electronically instead of as a physical copy). If you choose a more creative approach to your automathography, you must ensure that it contains at least as much information as one single-spaced page would.