Algebra 2
Special Problem 0

Your first Special Problem is to write a one- or two-page document on a computer, using the word processing package of your choice.

Content. The first paragraph should be a brief autobiographical statement about yourself that will help me get to know you. What are your likes and dislikes? Who are your role models? What makes you unique? In the second paragraph, tell me about something you remember from a previous math course. It can be a particularly good experience or a particularly bad experience. Or describe a math teacher you've had who stood out in some way. In the third paragraph, tell me about your interests, perhaps your plans for college. If you are thinking about a particular major, tell me about that and about your interest in that field. You might say something about possible career interests in general terms. In the fourth and last paragraph, say something about this Algebra course. Possible areas to address: What are your *mathematical* interests? Is algebra an important tool in any field of study you are considering? What were your previous impressions of algebra? Can you give an example from the "real world" where algebra is, has been, or might be important to you personally?

Requirements. In order to demonstrate knowledge and facility with certain features of your word processor, after you finish writing your paper, I want you to:

1. Change the font to Times New Roman (if this is not available on your computer, use a simple newspaper-type font like the one you are reading). Make your font size 12 points.
2. Make the first line "Brief Autobiographical Sketch," and make the second line (the title) your name. Center both lines, and change your name to font size 18.
3. Insert the following paragraph headings, in order: Biographical, Retrospective, College, and Algebra, like the paragraph headings I have used on this sheet, and then put these words in bold.
4. Leave one line of space between the title and the first paragraph, and leave one line between paragraphs.
5. Put something (or some things) in italics, and underline something else.
6. Number your page at the bottom of the page, centered. Optional: Type your name as a footer in the bottom right-hand corner so that it will identify each page of your report.
7. Before you print the final copy, make sure you proofread your paper on the screen, and then check it for spelling and syntax.

Grading. I will evaluate you on: following instructions, computer facility, spelling, grammar and syntax, general interest, and whether your report was submitted on time.

Length. Your document should be at least 500 and no more than 1000 words.

Deadline. Special Problem 0 is due Monday, August 28. It *must* be submitted electronically in our Google Classroom.