

Early Literacy Sponsors and Our Future

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The topic of our research was ourselves, Maddie, Jessica, Manisha, and Joey and readings we have done. We all answered questions that discussed our history with reading and writing and along with taking notes on readings. From the questions we mostly discussed our early memories of reading and writing along with our feelings about reading and writing. Most of our early memories circled around our teachers and parents. Since they are the backbone of our literacy and many of our memories with reading, how have our early literacy sponsors, such as parents and teachers, affected our later literacy skills.

Throughout trying to find an answer to our research question there was tons of data that had to be collected. First thing was that we all had a list of about fifteen questions all in regards to our literacy experiences. After answering all the questions as a group we analyzed all the answers to find comparisons within our answers. We then narrowed down our answers to six main questions we all had in common. Throughout collecting all the data we discovered all four of us bring up our past memories with teachers and parents being impactful literacy sponsors. Now that we have an idea of relatable data we then started comparing our experiences with others answers to possibly find a conclusion to our question about early literacy sponsors.

After we found the answers to the research question we all coded the six main questions that we had in common with each other to find the main things that we all had in common with learning to read and write. The main things that we all tend to have in common with each other is all of our parents taught us how to read and write the best way and we also take a lot of credit from our teachers and other peers. With our teachers and parents being the main literacy

sponsors in our lives the four of us felt it played a big role on how we read and write today. We still have some of the reading and writing habits that we got because of our early literacy sponsors: having to read along with your finger, only being able to read in silence, and the types of reading/writing we liked as a kid stay with us such as adventure stories or mystery stories. There are a few examples that we all have from growing up that we the four of us can remember some being we all had read the book “ The Rainbow Fish” at some point in our life growing up. We all also had some trouble reading or writing while growing up so the four of us had some special help with learning to do so such as going into tutor sessions or having our parents work one on one with us every night for hours upon hours. Jess remembers growing up having trouble reading so that resulted into getting a tutor, but her mom always liked to tell people that she was a good reader even though she struggled. The one issue that I can remember having is that when I use to write I would write so fast that all my words would smash together and make one huge word. Manisha struggled with learning to read and write in a different language, but she also had to teach her parents english because she was the one going to school not them. The only issue that Joey had was that he really did not want to read he never found enjoyment in reading until recently.

Our parents and teachers were always there throughout our childhood until today. We spent most of our early times in school and at home which makes our parents & teacher the main sponsors of our literacy since we were always close to them, learning, observing, and trying new skills. Parents are the first people that we learn to read and write from, whether that is holding our hands when we were small or forcing us to do our homework. When teachers come into play, they start to help us build on what our parents taught us and they help us develop new skills.

They help us build our skills, sharpen our mind and writing through many practices. We wouldn't be writing at this level now if it weren't for our early sponsors. They pushed us to keep learning and to grow our literacy. At home there are parents to ask for help when we don't know something at school there are teachers. Majority of our early lives are spent this way which causes us to carry the skills that were passed down from our sponsors.