

Mathematical Biography: Volume II

Calculus 12, Veritas Prep.

At the beginning of last year, I asked you to write a “mathematical biography,” so that you could introduce yourself to me as a mathematician and as a person. This year, that isn’t necessary, since I already know you as a student. But—given that you are halfway done with calculus, and six-sevenths done with Veritas—I would like some sort of state of your mathematical union: is your soul divided or unified with respect to calculus?

- What do you think you did well with last year in calculus? What areas do you think you need to improve in? This could be a specific topic (e.g., “I’m still fuzzy about fractions, but I can differentiate like a demon”), or it could be more general habit (e.g., “I put a lot of effort into my papers, but I need to be more conscientious about doing day-to-day homework assignments”).
- What are you excited about for this year? What mathematical topics do you want to learn? Likewise, what are you least excited about?
- You exist as a person outside of the calculus classroom. Tell me something interesting you did during our hiatus, and tell me what you want to do next year (college? something else? where? for what? why?)

Your biography will be graded on effort; as long as it is complete and thoughtful, you will receive full credit. (Your biography will be kept confidential.) **Due:**

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