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1. "Writing is a conversation with reading; a dialogue with thinking. All conversations with older people contain repetition. Some of the ideas mean a lot to me, just interesting, so I both embrace and attack the ideas because I found them, well, delightful".
-- Nikki Giovanni

Write an essay to address your ideas about this relationship among writing, reading, and thinking. You are also asked to reflect on what elements would form a good writing craft from your own perspective and experience. The quality of your thinking and academic writing will be evaluated. (50%)

2. William Wordsworth, an exemplary Romantic poet, claims that "each man is a memory to himself" (*The Prelude*, III. 189). Memory plays an important role in our development of identity because in re-visiting those past days we come closer to an understanding of our own sense of value in life. On the other hand, Wordsworth regrets that the past is unreachable and thinks all that is possible is a "register" of the bare fact that past events occurred:

That portion of my Story I shall leave
There register'd: whatever else there be
Of power of pleasure, sown or foster'd thus,
Peculiar to myself, let that remain
Where it lies hidden in its endless home
Among the depths of time. (*The Prelude*, V. 193-98)

Past days can never come back to or for the present. For the poet, one's childhood is "peculiar" to himself or herself alone and "shall" be left "hidden". You might agree or disagree with the above quotation. You are asked to write an essay about the value of memory and illustrate your viewpoint on the idea that one's past experiences "remain" irredeemably in the past. (50%)