ENGL002  
Narrative Writing  
Artifacts

Write an essay about an artifact that has special meaning to you. For this essay, think about something (a piece of jewelry, clothing, stuffed animal, figurine) that is important to you. It may have some emotional significance or remind you of something or someone.

For example, in the Sikh religion, people often wear a simple silver colored bracelet called the *kara* (like the one in the photo). The bracelet is a reminder of some of the most important values of the religion – to remember God, be strong, and have fortitude. When I was in India, our guide explained that every time they looked at their bracelet, it should remind them of their connection to their faith and their commitment to follow the tenets of their religion, which includes taking care of others.

For this essay:
- Select the artifact (topic of the essay) and tell a story about how this artifact became important to you.
- Use good narrative elements: time order, time markers, strong descriptive details, and dialogue.
- Include a strong thesis that guides the essay and write topic sentences that clearly connect to the thesis and guide the paragraph development.
- Follow the writing process: prewrite, plan/outline, draft, revise for both content and grammar. Proofread for the errors you make most frequently.

**Audience:** Other college students and professors; the academic community in general.

**Purpose:** To tell the audience a story that explains the significance of your artifact.

**Length:** 450+ words, four paragraphs – intro, conclusion, and two body paragraphs

**Grading Criteria:** This assignment will be graded according to the Dev ENGL Rubric. You will have an opportunity to revise.

**Format:** Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.

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