Career Writing Assignment: My Personal Odyssey

Directions: Now that you've used Naviance to find a career to research, you are ready to write a piece that includes creative writing and research. This assignment will start with the idea that you are now in your 40s, looking back at your life. Odysseus started his story with "I am Odysseus and this is my story" when he had to tell what he had been doing since the Trojan War. In the same way, you will start this writing assignment by introducing yourself as a 40-year-old and talking about what you have been doing since you were in 9th grade (way back when.)

Here are some paragraph starters that will help you write the assignment:

NOTES: What to Write in "My Personal Odyssey"

Introduction:  
_I am (insert your name) and here is what I've been doing with my life.... [give brief details; introduce your career; save the specific details for your body paragraphs]

Body Paragraph Starters:

_After 9th grade....[describe the classes you took, and why you took them; describe your high school years, and how you improved/struggled each year]

_After high school graduation, I....[details should be focused on what you did to work toward your career; did you go to college? trade school?; use the college majors/related college majors on the web site for specific details]

_Then finally the day came to interview for my job. I....[describe how you found and got your job; how did you do during the interview/application process?]

_When I first got my job I lived ___ and drove ___ ....[include details from where you think you might live; you might want to include friendships, relationships, family, goals for advancing in your career path]

_A typical day on the job includes...[research these details by looking at the typical tasks and common work activities]

_What I like and dislike about my job is...[details from your imagination]

Conclusion:  
_Now that I am in my 40s, I find that I have reached some of my goals and have some more goals still to meet....[you could give some future goals, or describe things you appreciate]