

[Example Assignment from Nirmal Trivedi, PhD; [Part 2 of the Summer 2019: Working with Faculty to Promote Student Metacognition](#) guest editor series.]

KSU 1101: First-Year Seminar

Instructor:

Assignment: “Not Yet” Story

Due:

OVERVIEW

The “**Not Yet Story**” is a personal story you will tell to your fellow students about a **moment in your life when you had a learn something difficult**. To prep for this assignment, follow these steps:

1. What was it that you were trying to learn? What made it so difficult? What was “at stake?” for you or for others?
2. Review Carol Dweck’s TED Talk, “[The Power of Believing You Can Improve](#)” and ask yourself how it might relate to your “Not Yet” moment.
3. Re-listen to stories from “The Moth.” In class, we listened to two stories and you listened to two more stories on your own. Ask yourself how these stories established the following:
 - a. The stakes (the importance). Why did a particular important moment *matter* to the storyteller?
 - b. The transformation. What changed from beginning to end for the world around the storyteller?
 - c. The personal transformation. What changed from beginning to end for the storyteller himself/herself?
4. Develop your own story to present. You can choose how to tell the story. For stories told orally or as an audio recording, you will have the option to share the story.

RATIONALE

You may be wondering what this project has to do with what we are learning in class about how to succeed as a college student. As you now know, it’s critical to develop a sense of belonging in college, both socially and academically. You’ve also learned how learning itself takes:

- A **growth mindset** of “I’m not there yet, but I can be,”
- A “toolkit” of **learning strategies** that you can use depending on the situation, and
- The ability to be “**metacognitive**,” or, reflective about your learning *before you learn, while you learn, and after you learn* so that you know how to improve.

This project asks you to integrate these concepts (Belonging and Learning) and tell a personal story to an audience of your peers.
