On the Road to MIT

For this assignment, give us a taste of what brought you to MIT. There are many ways to do this. Select among the following or pick your own approach and let me know what it is:

1. Chronicle your education as you see it leading you to MIT. You can write a continuous narrative or break it up into a series of vignettes:


2. Pick one period or episode in your life that highlights your particular relationship to learning, science, computers, or …? This episode does not have to be directly related to college or MIT.

Examples: Annie Dillard’s description of her fascination with her microscope from An American Childhood; Douglas Mendoza’s “Chapter Four” (Stellar readings);

Jeff Quinn’s “The Great Undersea Search”:
http://web.mit.edu/angles2008/angles_Jeff_Quinn.html;

Wissam Jarjoui’s “My Kind of Politics”:

3. Go back in time to the experiences of your family as you imagine them leading to your arrival at MIT. This history does not need to be specifically related to MIT, but simply a description of your family’s experiences that you imagine leading you in this direction.

Example: Jaclyn Konopka’s “The Gift of Education” (Stellar readings).

4. Write a satirical “How To…” essay about getting into MIT.

Examples: Alyssa Roqué’s “How to Phone Your Old Man,”:
http://web.mit.edu/angles2008/angles_Alyssa_Roque.html

Josh Bail’s “How to Lose Your Religion”: