Assignment for Jessica Fujimori’s “Yellowstone’s Footprint”

Assignment #3

Life/Science Essay 3p. double-spaced (750-800 words)
Think back. Try to recall, to conjure up, the moment, or scene, or project, book, teacher, summer expedition—the experience that turned you on to science or engineering. What happened? What did it feel like? What did it mean to you then? Where has it led you? Tell that story, briefly but vividly: your goal is to make it interesting to readers who don’t know you, to get them to see that science enriches lives (but you’re not going to say that! You’re not going to preach). Have fun with this.

Notes:
• There is no one right tone for this essay: it may be lyrical, bristling with ideas, humorous…whatever works for the story you want to tell.
• Because this is a very short essay, it will be most effective if you focus in on one experience rather than chronicling each class or book or internship that led to where you are now.
• Be careful to distinguish between you-then and you-the-writer-now when you describe feelings, thoughts, reactions, etc.

Instructor’s note:
Jessica’s essay does not strictly follow this prompt: it enlarges on the “science enriches lives” part of the prompt and (indirectly) explains how Jessica became an EAPS major. But it does not adhere to the “what turned you on to science” part of the prompt. This change was discussed with the instructor and approved before the first draft was turned in.