



## Personal Learning Experiences.

**Question 1: Describe in 4-5 sentences a memory you recall from when you were learning something in elementary or middle school.**

In elementary school, I loved my grammar classes. My teacher, Mrs. Zimmerman, was warm and personable. I distinctly remember my short and bulky grammar textbook and all the pages and pages of diagramming sentences. Mrs. Zimmerman was such an awesome teacher. She gave us a very technical and methodical way to understand language that has stayed with me my entire life.

**Question 2: Describe in 4-5 sentences a memory you recall from when you were learning something in high school or college.**

I remember learning Spanish in high school. We learned from a textbook, and I don't remember it being a very memorable experience. I did retain the basics well enough to do fine in Spanish in college, and I am still able to speak and understand a good deal of Spanish. I remember lots of memorization of conjugation patterns. I also remember having to write and memorize several poems, stories and speeches in Spanish.

**Question 3: Describe in 4-5 sentences a memory you recall from when you were learning in a professional or formal (non-school) setting (first job, current career, etc.).**

I recently took an MIT course on design thinking. The course was taught by renowned MIT professor Steve Eppinger. MIT delivered the course in a very convenient pre-recorded video lecture format, and there were 2 optional office hours each week. Course participants also participated in teams that came together to solve a design challenge. I enrolled in the course to learn innovation strategies for my nonprofit organization.