**My Writing Territories-Ms. Kern’s Example List**

Below, list as many things as you can that you consider yourself an expert in (or at least some things that you know pretty well) or things that you enjoy and are interested in. The more items you put on your list, the better.

* Jazz music
* German art songs
* How to sing operatically
* Using technology
* Being awkward
* Singing in the shower
* My dog Charley
* Beach vacations
* Cooking
* Vegetarianism
* Diet Coke
* Sorority life
* Reading
* Favorite concerts
* My family
* Making big life decisions
* Learning not to procrastinate
* The aphorism “It never rains, but it pours.”
* Why the iPad is wonderful
* Why backpacks are better than messenger bags
* Living abroad
* Learning a foreign language
* Travelling
* Working in a bakery
* Working as a nanny
* Why Monopoly is the worst board game of all time
* Caffeine addiction
* Compulsive behavior
* Saying the wrong thing at the wrong time
* Sliding down an active volcano
* Almost drowning
* Winning the sportsmanship award…three times in a row
* Getting my Master’s degree
* Changing the direction of your life
* Learning which friends to keep and which to throw away
* Being neurotic about haircuts
* My internship at an international studies magnet school
* My paternal grandmother
* Portland, Oregon
* Family vacations to New Braunfels
* Family vacations to Florida
* My mom and her dog, Maggie
* How the studying *Ulysses* changed the way I read
* Why I cry at the end of To Kill a Mockingbird
* Why I cry while watching *Dreamgirls*
* Why I cry while watching *Sweeny Todd*
* Why I don’t cry in serious, life moments when I should be emotional but cry during stupid musicals