SUBMIT:

1-pager

name handout

family handout

ASSIGNMENT:

Write about your full name or nickname (or, of course, your namesake). Tell stories, explore its origins (etymology), its history, its meaning, its sounds, and what it means to you. Does it represent who you are? In place of an essay, you may also submit a podcast that includes interviews of family members (and maybe stories about their names).

You may also write about your family in general. Where did they grow up? Where did they work or go to school? What stories can they tell about growing up in their family and how it was different or similar than their experiences raising a child? What struggles did they experience? What were you like as a kid and how have you changed? What stories can they tell about raising you and what they learned from having a family?

At some point in this assignment, connect the story of your name or family to *The Namesake*.