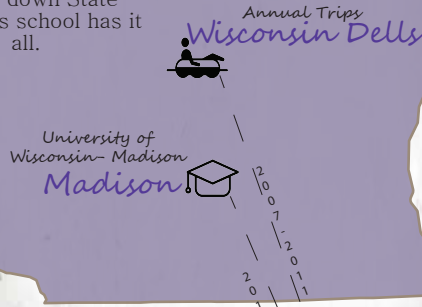
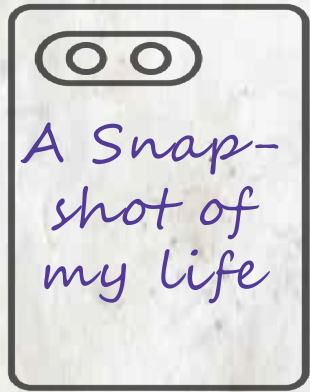


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This is where I am currently at in my life. I study political science and digital studies. This school was the perfect combination of big ten and city vibes. I remember crying when I opened the acceptance email. It was a dream come true. From jumping around, to walking down State Street this school has it all.

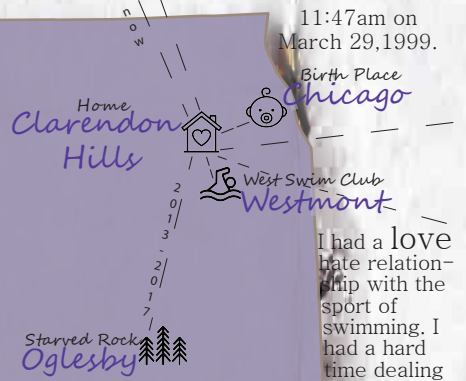


Every year a bunch of our family friends and my family would drive up to the Dells. It was where all the kids had their first taste of freedom as we ran around the resort, used our own money, and stayed up way too late.



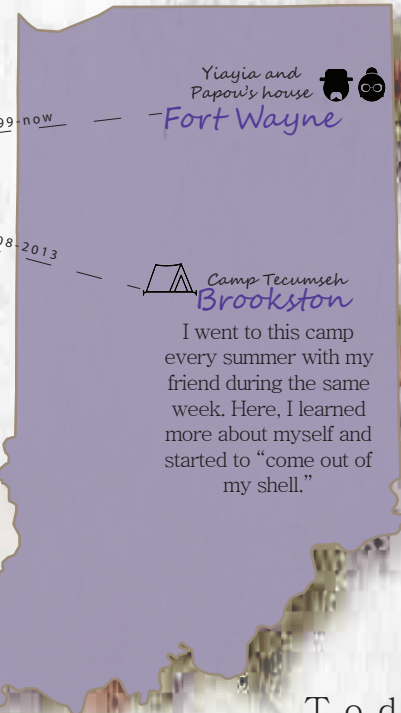
With such a small family, we spent a lot of time visiting my grandparents, uncle, and cousin here. Every Black Friday we would go to the local mall to get our Christmas pajamas. However, this place is where I saw my grandpa get extremely sick.

I have lived in Clarendon Hills for the majority of my life. It was a huge deal when we moved from one side of the train tracks to the other side. This is where we brought my dog Ellie home to and where I went to school from preschool to highschool.



When I wanted a break from the suburbs my friends and I would make the trip down to the State Park. It made me feel like I was in a completely different world compared to my boring town.

I had a love hate relationship with the sport of swimming. I had a hard time dealing when I had a bad race. Swimming made me realize that I am worth more than my times by teaching me dedication and the rewards of hardwork.



I went to this camp every summer with my friend during the same week. Here, I learned more about myself and started to "come out of my shell."

This is the story of my life. I grew up in the Western suburbs of Chicago where I had a mix of a big city and a town of 6000. So many places have shaped the person I am today. Although some places hold the happiest memories, they also hold the saddest. It is important to recognize that both were needed for me to be where I am today.

Today  
I have the power  
to change my story.

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