Testing Theory & Reflecting on Experience

Does your story of a literacy event (ex. reading and/or writing that seeks change) support or challenge current theories about literacy development? Instructors may choose other issues for this exercise.

Please fill in the blanks with your issue in mind.

1. The article by __________________ about __________________ claims __________________. However, my experience of __________________ challenges the standard view that _____________________.

2. My experience of __________________ supports a view that __________________ because _____________________.

3. If __________________ is right that __________________, then we need to reexamine the popular assumption that ____________________________.

4. Although the experience of __________________ supports a belief that __________________, many may be surprised to learn that _____________________.

5. My feelings about my experience are mixed. Experience leads me to support the common belief that __________________, but I find __________________’s argument about __________________ and __________________’s research on __________________ helps me make sense of my own experience.