Read, Reflect, and React (or Respond) Prompt #1

As students we are constantly learning and growing in different fields of study. As we grow in a particular field, it enables us to see more and gain perspective upon that subject, affecting our perception of it. You have studied mathematics for many years and each of you has a different view based upon your previous experiences with it. I would like you to take a couple minutes to explore your perception on the subject of mathematics and briefly answer the following questions:

1. What is mathematics and why do we learn it?

2. What grade do you wish to receive in your Calculus class (not this one)? What strategies are planning to employ to be a successful Calculus student and obtain this grade?