Seeing myself as an Expressive Writer

Do I see myself an expressive writer? Yes if expressive writing is personal writing, if it is the writing that allows you to express and explore your personal feelings and observations on a topic in story form.

I enjoy writing personal narratives of one to two pages, visiting childhood memories, events that have impacted on my life. In fact I have found it cathartic and on reflection I wondered if some of the great novelists like Dickens began the same way.

I believe I have a natural inclination to this form of writing supported also by my music writing. I have considered that spoken language and musical language written down are one in the same they are both expressive and creative. For me they have complemented one another giving multiple opportunities for writing and ways to express myself.

In my classroom I encourage my students to write expressively providing multiple experiences and opportunities for writing. This may be a visit to a place, other people’s writing they have read or listened to or a movie they have viewed. This course has given me similar experiences which have been great because I feel I have a stronger foundation to encourage writing in my classroom from. I have visited and revisited writing in the same way my students do for their writing.

So yes I would consider myself an expressive writer I have found writing in this genre certainly easier than expository because the facts I share in this form of writing are my truths which have been personally researched. I enjoy sharing my thoughts and feelings.