

Goal: Synthesize (create your own) memoir. In your writing, show that you can choose important memories, use descriptive writing, and arrange your thoughts in a logical, self chosen order.

Details: Your memoir should be no less than two typed pages long, or three pages handwritten. Your memoir should reference between three and ten memories; fewer memories should mean more details for each memory. Your writing should have a clear introduction and conclusion and your reader should be able to understand why you organize your memoir in the way that you choose to.

Memoir Grading – all categories out of 5:

_____ **Planning** – list of ten memories, number of rough drafts: _____

_____ **Structure** – Use of introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion, ordering of ideas makes sense to reader: _____

_____ **Writing Style/Personal Investment** – Use of writing to connect with the reader: _____

_____ **Vocabulary** – use of appropriate descriptive words: _____

_____ **Grammar and Spelling** – Percentage of unintentional mistakes in finished product: _____

_____ / 5 = _____ converts to percentage: _____ memoir grade

5 = Beyond grade level expectations, achievement is exceptional and personalized. Excellent.	100+
4 = Above grade level expectations, achievement shows personal investment. Very good.	87-99
3 = Average grade level expectation, achievement follows basic assignment guidelines. Good.	74-86
2 = Below level expectations, achievement does not meet basic assignment guidelines. Needs much revision.	60-73
1= Grade 8 or lower expectations, achievement show little effort or progress. Needs to be completed.	50-59
0 = Non-existent or virtually non-existent. Intervention possibly needed to earn credit for class.	X < 50