ENG 4C1 Mrs. Tate

**Writing Your Personal Memoir**

Now that you have read the majority of a memoir for your book club book, you are now going to write a chapter of your personal memoir. The event you choose should be something you feel is profound and represents a “turning point” in your life.

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| **Choose a metaphor to describe your family or major characters**. Ex. My family is earth, air, fire, water because my mom is earth as she is always there to support me but can smoother me. |
| **Tell your creation myth.** Ex. Story of your parents’ meeting. Story of your conception. Story of your birth. |
| **Describe your first memory.** Use all of your senses to bring us there with you: smells, sights, sounds, tastes, textures. |
| **Introduce a conflict**Ex conflict/fight/ or challenge that you have or are facing.  |
| **Introduce a mentor**Ex. A role model, coach, older friend who taught you a life lesson.  |
| **Tell a coming of age or a coming to maturity moment.** Ex. A moment where you were no longer a child and had to be brave or strong because you had to do something that gave you new insight or a new quality.  |
| **Describe a departure.**Ex. A death, a parting by you or someone close to you.  |
| **Tell the story of a new beginning or of adventure.** Ex. Traveling to a new place or just a big night out on the town.  |
| **Your own idea ….** |

Consider the following options for ideas/inspiration when deciding what to write about:

**Guidelines**:

* Your memoir should be between 3-5 pages, typed and double spaced.
* There MUST be process work with your final copy (an outline and rough draft).
* Include a creative and relevant title to go along with your memoir.
* A rubric will be provided. This must be submitted with your good copy.

**DUE DATES**:

You will be given ample time in class to complete your memoir. **Please use your time well.**

Rough Draft:

Computer Lab:

**GOOD COPY:**