

MEMOIR WRITING: You Have a Story to Tell

Protocols/Guidelines/Requirements

- Please create a memoir in Word and email the document to me by **5:00 PM FRIDAY** afternoon. This week: **5PM, Friday, May 8th**
- I will distribute the submissions to everyone by **12 noon Sunday**.
- Memoir submissions shall be **targeted at 800 words**, which usually takes about five-minutes to read. Longer pieces may be divided into two or more parts to be read in successive weeks.
- Topics for memoirs are essentially unlimited. You are asked to please be mindful of language and potentially sensitive issues – but it is your story to share.

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- Feedback to each author shall be constructive. Consider what you like about the submission and how effectively feelings, thoughts, emotions, timeframe, and senses were communicated.
- Memoirs shall be treated as private and personal within our classroom. Please do not retain copies or share without permission of the author.
- Consider who you are writing for – and why.
- Feedback comments should be focused on the writing. Discussion of individual personal experiences should be saved for discussion after or outside of class.