**Memoir Assignment**

A memoir is not an autobiography. An autobiography tells the story of your whole life from beginning to the present. A memoir on the other hand tells the story of a moment or a time in your life. Therefore you can only write one autobiography, but you can write an unlimited amount of memoirs. In this case you only have to write one.

For this assignment I want you to pick one moment from your life and write about it. This moment doesn’t have to be the most significant moment of your life, but it should be something that is significant to you. You should write about an event you remember a lot about, so don’t write about something that happened when you were three that you have no memory of. Pick something you remember and something that you consider important.

**Requirements:**

* **One** pages minimum; **five** pages maximum.
* Twelve point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced.
* Write the story in **first** person POV. This event happened to you, so write about it that way.
* Past or Present tense is fine.
* Your name needs to be in the **top right** or **left** hand corner.
* You should give the memoir a title. Don’t just call it “Memoir” though. Give it a title that suits and is meaningful to the event you are writing about.
* Please keep in mind that these should be written about something that actually happened to you, and that I will be reading them and assuming that they did. If you disclose abuse (physical, sexual or emotional), suicidal thoughts or actions, or threats of violence to you or from you, I will have to disclose those to someone. I am not trying to stop you from sharing the story you want to share, just please be aware of that.
* You must do a thorough edit for grammar, spelling, and punctuation. I want to see the best grammar that you can do on this assignment.

**Assessment:**

* The biggest chunk of your grade will be based on your writing. It must be clear what you’re writing about. You should aim to have good descriptions.
* Part of your mark will be based on your grammar, spelling and punctuation. This is English class, and spelling does count. You should have a peer, your parent or myself take a look through your story looking for grammatical errors.
* Finally, the smallest part of your mark will be based on the formatting. You must adhere to my requirements of formatting in order to get a perfect grade.

**Bonus:** Attach an edited rough copy of your assignment when you hand it in.

**Due Date:** Monday, February 4th, 2019 (end of class)