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Memoir Vignette

Proposal Due: Thursday, October 4

Final Copy Due: Monday October 8

In this unit, we will be reading and discussing excerpts from memoirs in preparation of writing our own Memoir Vignettes. A **memoir** is a reflective account of a significant event or time in the author's life. Your memoir will also be a **vignette**, a short, intimate piece, detailing a very specific memory. **Brevity is key!** Your final product will be no less than 750 words *but* no more than 1000 words!

Remember the 5 Elements of a great Memoir:

Truth, Theme, Voice, Point of View, & M&M's (Memories and Musings)!

Directions for Memoir Proposal (Due October 4)

- Short description of the memory you will be retelling (3-4 sentences)
- List of characters and what you want to capture about each one
- An explanation of the **theme** your memoir will focus on
 - Think: Why is this memory significant? How did it change who I am?

Requirements for Final Submission:

- 10 points: **Truth, M&M's**
 - Memoir thoughtfully retells a true story.
- 10 points: **Voice**
 - Memoir accurately captures your voice and personality. Told in 1st person.
 - Memoir makes use of literary devices to capture the feel of the memory.
- 10 points: **Theme**
 - Memoir captures the significance of this story and its impact on on who you are.
- 10 points: **Length** (750-1000 words)
- 10 points: **Conventions and Proofreading (MLA Format)**
 - MLA Header
 - 12-point font, double spaced
 - Proofread--no spelling or formatting errors

Memoir Vignette Proposal Form

Title: _____

Main Characters:

Character 1	Character Traits
Character 2	Character Traits
Character 3	Character Traits

Setting: _____

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Conflict: _____

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Resolution: _____

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Summary: _____

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Themes: _____
