**Memoir Writing Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| Memorable Moment | Memoir focuses on four moments that seems significant to the author’s life. | Memoir focuses on three moments that seems kind of significant to the author’s life. | Memoir focuses on less than three moments that does not seem significant to the author’s life. | Author does not seem to be aware of the significance of the moment. |
|  Structure –Events before | Author clearly “shows” attitudes and feelings numerous times through the thoughts, action and dialogue of the characters. | Author’s attitudes and feelings before are evident & occur numerous times through the thoughts and actions of the character. | Direct statements indicate the author’s feelings and attitudes and/or some events are not necessarily significant. | Memoir includes irrelevant events that cause the reader confusion in trying to determine the before feelings and attitudes. |
| Structure - Events after | The memoir clearly “shows” how the learning changed the author’s life. | Although word choice does not always “show”, it is clear to the reader how the learning changed the author’s life. | Change is evident; but is “told” to the reader through direct statements. | Memoir includes irrelevant events that cause confusion when noticing the change in the author’s life. |
| Style & Technique | Author consistently “shows” the significance of the events through engaging details, compelling language, and a balance of action, thoughts, and dialogue. | Author sometimes “shows” the significance of the events through details, compelling language, and a balance of action, thoughts, and dialogue. | Author “tells” the significance of the events through direct statements. | No effort is made to reveal the significance of the events to the reader. |
| Format | Memoir is neatly done and published in an appropriate and attractive format and could be used as a model for others. | Memoir is neatly done and published in an appropriate format. | Format of memoir may or may not be appropriate. Memoir may or may not be neat. | Format of memoir is not appropriate and piece is not published neatly. |
| Prose/Verse | Each verse or example of prose includes the required number of lines or paragraphs | Most of the verses or examples of prose includes the required number of lines or paragraphs | A few of the verses or examples of prose includes the required number of lines or paragraphs | Most verses or examples of prose do not include the required number of lines or paragraphs. |
| Conventions | Memoir is error-free. | Memoir contains minimal mistakes that do not interfere with meaning. | Numerous minor errors often make memoir difficult to read. | Many errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation often interfere with meaning. |

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