**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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