

My Memoir: _____(name)

It's that time again: Book time. This is an exciting book to compliment our memoir unit; it's a book all about you! Your finished book must include six chapters. There will be four memoir chapters and two poem chapters. Use the chart on the back of this sheet to keep track of your due dates and your scores.

POEM: Where I'm From

This is a "where I'm from" poem that needs to give the reader a brief, yet vibrant picture of who you are as a person.

Illustration: Micrography Cover

CHAPTER 1 – Early Years

This chapter is about a childhood memory or experience. We are going to work on depth in that moment. You need to focus on that one thing. It shouldn't be a variety of things like your poem. This memoir we will focus on how we elaborate, our language, and tone (details!).

Illustration: Collage of specific detail from chapter

CHAPTER 2 – Stories of the Outside World

This chapter is how you connect to the outside world. It may contain a focus on a place, animal, vegetable/fruit, mineral, etc. During this memoir we will focus on transitions and organization.

Illustration: Watercolor – blur lines between

CHAPTER 3 – An Event that Shaped You

This chapter is an event that helped shape the person who you are now. It could be learning to ride a bike, tying a shoe, or breaking an arm. In this chapter we will focus on our lead and ending. It will be important to jump into the action of the story.

Illustration: Pencil drawing

CHAPTER 4 - School Memory

This chapter should include fears, emotions, teachers, friends, what you expected, all of your successes and heartbreaks. This chapter needs to include dialogue in a well-crafted, properly formatted piece to get full credit. This is when we will focus on our sentence structure, spelling, and punctuation.

Illustration: Basquiat mimic piece

POEM: Who raised me

Finally we will end our book with a "who raised me" poem that also needs to give the reader a vivid picture of who you are as a person in order to get full credit.

Illustration: Illustrated poem (integrate words with illustration)

Finally, you will select the best chapter of your book. This will be presented, by you, at our memoir evening and will be scored on the state writing rubric. Dig deep for details, pay careful consideration to your conventions and spend time revising your work. That will pay off in a memoir book that you are proud of.

Description of Memoir Component	Due Date	Done
I am From Poem – 1 st draft	9/10	
I am From Poem - peer edit		
I am From Poem - teacher edit		
I am From Poem – final	9/13	
I am From Poem – illustration: Micrography (cover)	9/20	
Chapter 1 - Early Years – 1 st draft		
Chapter 1 - Early Years – peer edit		
Chapter 1 - Early Years – teacher edit		
Chapter 1 - Early Years – final	9/20	
Chapter 1 – Illustration: Collage	9/27	
Chapter 2 – Outside World – 1 st draft		
Chapter 2 – Outside World – peer edit		
Chapter 2 – Outside World – teacher edit		
Chapter 2 – Outside World – final	10/11	
Chapter 2 – Illustration: Watercolor with lines	10/18	
Chapter 3 – Event – 1 st draft		
Chapter 3 – Event – peer edit		
Chapter 3 – Event – teacher edit		
Chapter 3 – Event – final	10/18	
Chapter 3 – Illustration: Pencil drawing	10/25	
Chapter 4 – School Memory – 1 st draft		
Chapter 4 – School Memory – peer edit		
Chapter 4 – School Memory – teacher edit		
Chapter 4 – School Memory – final	10/25	
Chapter 4 – Basquiat piece	11/1	
I was Raised by Poem – 1 st draft		
I was Raised by Poem – peer edit		
I was Raised by Poem – teacher edit		
I was Raised by Poem – final	11/8	
I was Raised by Poem – illustration	11/8	
Table of Contents & Dedication Page	11/14	
Cover & Bound	11/14	
6 Word Title	11/14	
Final Paper (choose one chapter) – 4th revision	11/14	

Your final book should include:

- a table of contents
- a dedication page
- should be bound
- have NO common conventional errors
- have all of your beautiful, polished, final drafts
- beautiful illustrations

Your final, overall memoir score will be based on the following:

Description of Memoir Component	Points Possible	Points Earned
I am From Poem – final	10	
I am From Poem – illustration (cover)	10	
Chapter 1 - Early Years – final	15	
Chapter 1 – Illustration: Collage	10	
Chapter 2 – Outside World – final	15	
Chapter 2 – Illustration: Watercolor with lines	10	
Chapter 3 – Event – final	15	
Chapter 3 – Illustration: Pencil drawing	10	
Chapter 4 – School Memory – final	15	
Chapter 4 – Illustration: Basquiat	10	
I was Raised by Poem – final	10	
I was Raised by Poem – illustration	10	
Table of Contents & Dedication Page	5	
Six Word Title	5	
Cover & Bound	5	
Presentation of Memoir	10	
Peer Edit Sheets (not to be included in book)	5	
Final Paper (choose one chapter) – 4th revision	30	
Total Points for Memoir Book	200	