

Workshop 9: The Art of the Memoir**Extended Project****Write Your Memoir**

Here's a chance to tell your story!

Project: Write a memoir about an important time in your life. Share your memoir with a small group.

Procedure

1. Brainstorm ideas. Think of a time in your life that you would like to write about. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Did you face a hard decision?
- Was there an event that had a big impact on your life?
- Did you accomplish a goal you had set?

Feel free to use other ideas that come to mind.

2. Conduct research. How will you gather the information you need? Here are some ideas:

- Talk to people who knew you when you were going through this experience.
- Look at pictures, yearbooks, and documents from this time in your life.
- Listen to music that was popular when this was happening.

3. Write a draft. Include details such as:

- How old were you, and where did it happen?
- What important people were in your life during this time?
- How did you feel?
- What did you learn from your experience?

4. Present your work. Write or type a final draft of your story on a clean sheet of paper. Exchange your memoir with other members of a small group.