

Workshop 9: The Art of the Memoir**Reading 2 Project: from *Breaking Through***
Book Review

What's your opinion of Breaking Through?

Project: Write a book review telling what you thought of the excerpt from Francisco Jiménez's book *Breaking Through*.

Procedure**1. Brainstorm ideas.**

Make a list of things you liked and didn't like about the memoir.

Here are some ideas:

- What did you like or dislike about the author's writing style?
- Which characters most interested you?
- What were the most interesting parts of the memoir?

Come up with other ideas.

2. State your opinion.

Look over your list and decide what is your overall opinion of the memoir. Circle at least three reasons that support your opinion.

3. Write a book review.

Use your list of ideas to begin a first draft of your review. Here are some suggestions:

- State your opinion of the memoir.
- Give reasons that support your opinion.
- End your review with a conclusion that sums up your opinion and gives your recommendation.

4. Present your work.

Write your final draft or type your work on the computer. Display your review in the classroom for others to read.