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Your Story

Breaking Through **is a memoir of Francisco Jiménez's childhood. A good way to learn to write autobiographically like Francisco is to keep a journal. You can write anything you want in a journal, but for this activity, you will try writing a story about yourself.**

Here are a few ideas to get you thinking:

- **When did you feel most alone and why?**
- **What is the happiest day of your life and why?**
- **What is the most nerve-wracking thing you have done? How did it turn out?**
- **When did you first meet your best friend? Did you immediately know you would be good friends? Explain.**
- **Has there ever been an event in your life that made you laugh hysterically, and every time you talk about it you still laugh like crazy?**

Directions: Write a journal response to one of the questions above. If you run out of room, continue on the back of this page or in a notebook.

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