**Memoir Assignment**

Due Date: November 30

**For your Memoir assignment, you will write a personal piece of writing. You will focus on a small moment from your past that is important to you and has some sort of significant meaning in your life.**

**When you know what memory/moment you want to write about, think about the following questions and answer them.**

* Is this subject (person, place, thing, or animal) really important to me now or in the past?
* Do I have strong feelings about this subject? (Does it make you feel very, happy/sad/mad/excited/hopeful/inspired/regretful etc.?)
* Do I have stories to share about myself and this subject? In other words, do I have enough to say about it?
* Will I enjoy writing about this?
* What is the most important thing I want my audience to know about my subject?
* How did this event affect you (how did it change you or your way of thinking)?

**The requirements for this piece of writing will be as follows:**

* At least 5 paragraphs in length. The first paragraph should have a strong lead or hook. Think about the examples I read to you if you are stuck. This will be your draft copy.
* Use figurative language throughout your memoir. Show your story, don’t tell it.
* Fill out the ‘SMILE’ sheet so you know what to put in each paragraph.
* Neatly write out your good copy. You can type it, but this is not a requirement. Typed pieces of writing will be done on your time.
* Follow the rubric so you have all the requirements needed.