

<p>Step 1→ Take out your homework.</p>	<p>-Imagery notecard -Vocabulary 5-8 wkst.</p>	
<p>Step 2→ Write down today's date and title.</p>	<p><u>6WM and Vocabulary Review</u></p>	<p>A Day: 9/8/16</p>
<p>Step 3→ Welcome Work</p>	<p>NO JOURNAL TODAY!</p> <p>On your post-it, write down five important moments from your life.</p>	

What is a memoir?

Writing a six-word memoir...

In November 2006, writer and editor Larry Smith issued a challenge to fans of his Web publication, SMITH Magazine.

Inspired by Ernest Hemingway's legendary shortest of short stories ("**For sale: Baby shoes, never worn**"), Smith asked his readers to describe their lives in six words. The Six-Word Memoir contest officially ended after a month, but the stories kept coming.

Five years on, participants have contributed more than half a million mini-memoirs. Smith has published five compilations of the intensely personal accounts and continues his online quest to spark the creativity of aspiring writers.

"There is inspiration everywhere," he says. "Even if you don't think you're a storyteller, you are."



Still like to play with matches.

- What can we infer about this person?
- Does it tell a story?
- So, does this one work?

What about these?

- I like to eat pepperoni pizza.
- I really love my dog.

How can we make them better?

PROJECT: Six Word Memoirs

Well, I thought it was funny.

- Stephen Colbert

One life. Six words. What's yours?

Everyone reads what's in my diary.

-Taylor Swift

"For Sale: Baby shoes, never worn."

-Ernest Hemingway

You will be creating a memoir using **ONLY 6 words** and a **half sheet of paper**. Limitations force you to be creative. Write a great memoir *because* of the parameter, not in spite of it.

Tips for writing 6WM:

1. **It only works if it's personal.** Because it's a memoir, it should be specific to your life (autobiographical).
2. **Like any other piece, make revisions.** Put the six best words in the best order. Use synonyms to strengthen your memoir and add meaning.
3. **Make your memoir VISUAL.** We will be hanging these in the classroom, so match your words to the design. Consider the background visual and the font.
4. **The memoirs are anonymous.** Please put your name on the back.

Six Word Memoir – Project Rubric

Name: _____ **Period:** _____ **Date:** _____

Word Choice & Autobiographical Element (30 points)		Visual Imagery & Font (15 points)		Grammar & Spelling (6 points)		Following Directions (9 points)	
30	Text clearly communicates an autobiographical element to the audience through thoughtful word choice.	15	Image/font adds depth to the memoir's central idea.	6	No punctuation, grammar, spelling errors.	9	Item is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name is on the back • ½ sheet of paper • Easily readable
20	Text communicates an autobiographical element to the audience through selective word choice.	10	Image/font matches the memoir's central idea.	4	1 error	6	Item is not one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name is on the back • ½ sheet of paper • Easily readable
10	Text is weak in one of the following areas: -Autobiographical element -Word choice	5	Image/font is present, but lacks connection.	2	2-3 errors	3	Item is not two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name is on the back • ½ sheet of paper • Easily readable
0	Text does not convey an autobiographical element.	0	No image or font selection.	0	More than 4 errors	0	None of the directions were followed.

Total: _____/60

Writing a six-word memoir...

In order to narrow down a life into six words, a writer needs to begin with **many words and ideas**.

Follow these instructions to complete a six-word memoir.

Start with a list

List as many words, topics, memories, or personality traits as you can about yourself – activities you do, items, belongings, places you like, and feelings you have.

Don't edit, cross out, change, or rewrite words.
Don't worry about spelling –

just write.

You are going for quantity, so write as much as you can in about **three minutes**. You should fill at least **one full page**.

How to write a 6 Word Memoir:

Step 1: Free write

On your "CLASS NOTES" page, write down as many words, phrases, and ideas about important things in your life.

Consider:

- Milestones (important events)
- Challenges you face daily
- Unforgettable memories
- Victories/losses that have shaped you
- Significant emotions
- How you face adversity (what do you do when something goes wrong)
- Activities that are a major part of your identity

Handwritten notes on lined paper:

- itchy feet
- running sister wife → newyorked ♡
- happy + fun · early to rise need coffee!
- Wish sister listened more!
- Am I "American"?
- Wish people wouldn't be negative over fashion
- Workout or else
- "can't be bothered"
- Sometimes watch TV read whenever I can
- NOMAD
- TRAVEL (in a heart)
- STAFF (in a circle with a slash)

OR

I save all my money so I can travel because I think it's really important. So many people are trapped in a bubble and don't want to be bothered with what's happening in the world, but I think that results in selfishness. My passport is my prized possession and it's what is my freedom. I wish I was in another country right now so that I could eat food like gyros or char kway teo and not be surrounded by loud, oversized portions + people. I want to break free + feel different and ignorant so I can yearn to feel smarter. It's not good enough to be blind.

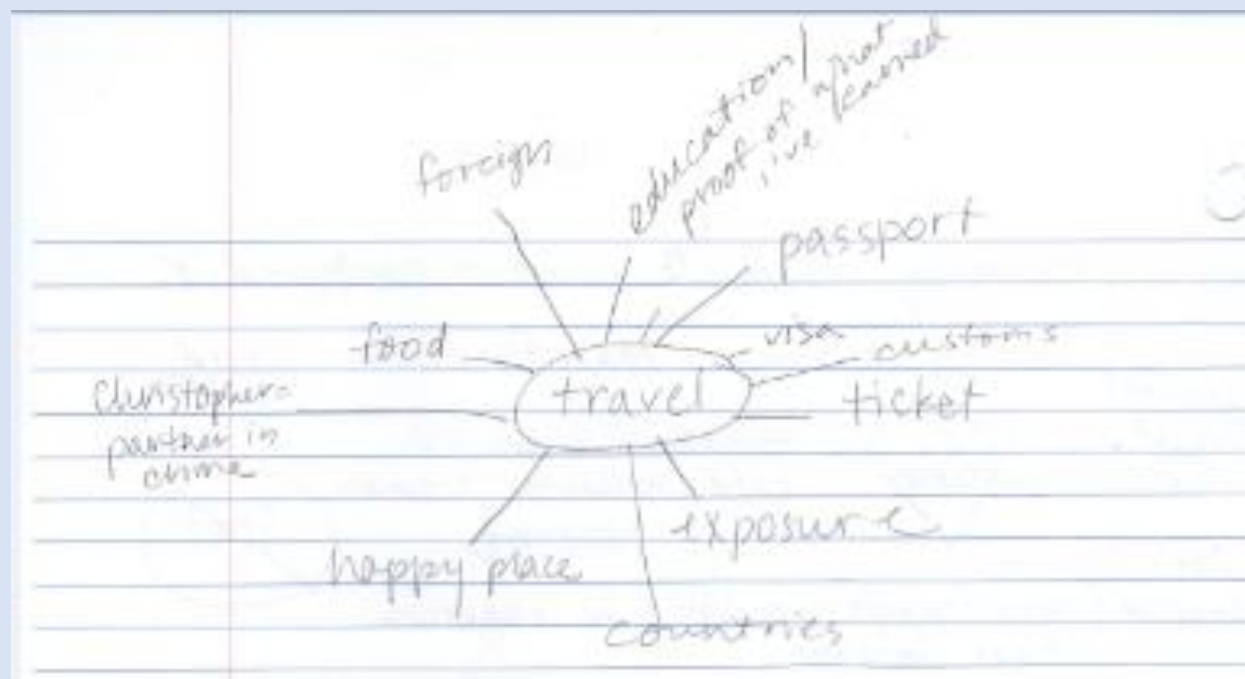
Step 2: Decision

From that list, pick one item that really shows an autobiographical side of you. That means, it should be specific to YOU (not "school is boring" but maybe, "I can't get better than C's in school"). Put that concept in the word bubble below.



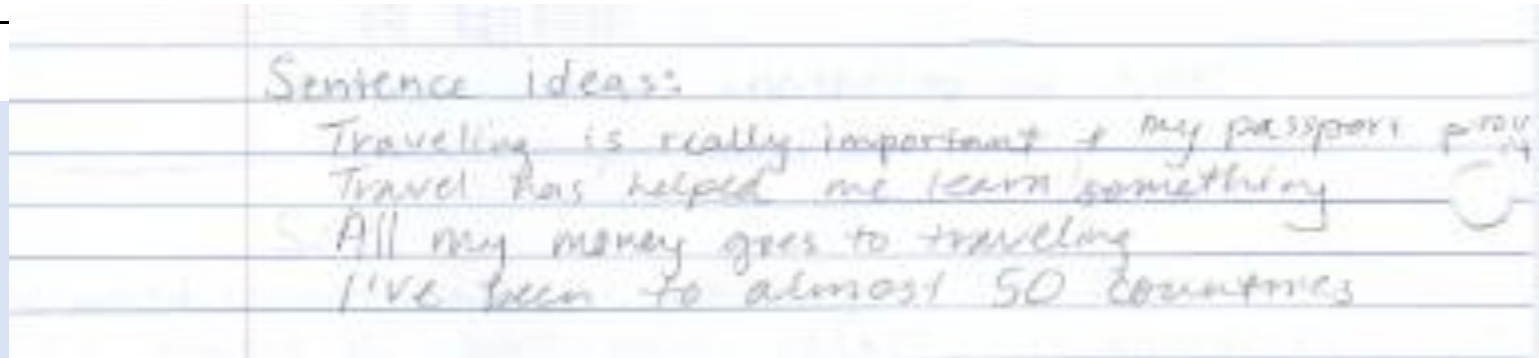
Step 3: Brainstorm

Make your word bubble a spider diagram. On lines coming off of the word bubble, write down any words/ideas that you can relate to that concept. Think of synonyms, people, emotions, sounds, or any other words that somehow connect.



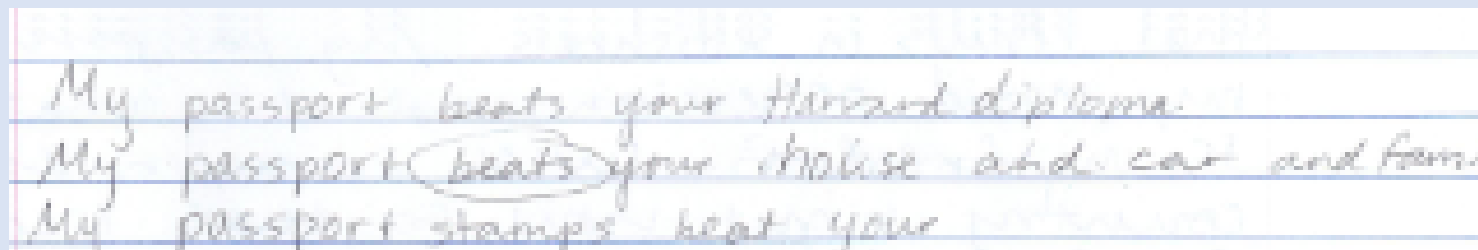
Step 4: Sentence

Write a sentence about your topic/theme. Don't worry about word count yet. Just make sure that it's about YOU and it has some sort of emotional quality to it.



Step 5: 6 Words

Here's where it gets tricky. Go back to Step 4 and think about which words you can take out. Can you think of one powerful word to use instead of a string of three weak ones? (Ex. "treated really badly" → "terrorized") Use a thesaurus to find **synonyms**. Write down all of your attempts on your "CLASS NOTES" page.



Vocabulary Review

1. Write the word in the center.
2. Write the definition under it.
3. Find **four** pictures from the magazines related to your vocabulary word.
4. Glue the pictures in each corner of the paper.
5. Under each picture, write a sentence about that picture using the vocabulary word.

• **USE CORRECT CAPITALIZATION AND SPELLING!**

Listen as I count you off.

Listen as I tell you where each number should go.

Decide who is going to say what!

- Present!

HOMEWORK: A DAY

- DUE Monday, 9/12
 - 6 Word Memoir (mini-project grade!)