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**Memoir Notes**

**Definitions**

**Memoir**: A collection of memories that an individual writes about *moments* or *events*, both public or private, that took place in the subject's life.

**Autobiography**: An account of a person’s *entire* life, written by that person.

**Remember: Vignette:** A short, impressionistic scene that focuses on one moment or gives a sharp and detailed impression about a character, idea, setting, or object.

**Six Word Memoir**

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Challenged to tell the story of his life in six words, that is what famous author Ernest Hemingway responded. In 2006, a magazine hosted a contest for the best six word memoirs, and the trend caught on quickly. People began to submit millions of memoirs, inspired by the idea of how powerfully just a few words can tell your story.

Tips:

1. Choose powerful moments in your life.
2. Choose six compelling words – don’t use words you don’t need.
3. Try not to just list six separate words – you want a complete phrase.
4. Use punctuation to your advantage. How can you use punctuation to cut down your words?
5. Choose a theme: life lessons/love/school/hobbies/losses/beliefs/humor/etc.



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