**Memoir Self-Reflection**

 In the end your education is about you: the papers you write, the things you research, the thoughts you express.  Part of learning to write is learning to think about the process of writing and the effort, or craft, of your compositions.  This essay is an opportunity to reflect on the work you’ve done. It is your chance to think and say what you’ve learned; consider what you have done well and where you can improve.  The essay should demonstrate and reflect upon the work of revision and writing as a process.

The elements of this Self-Reflection should include:

* Some sort of **Introduction**
  + Example points of focus: previous feelings about writing ventures; previous experiences with creative endeavors; compare and contrast this experience with other types of creative or writing endeavors that you may normally pursue, etc. Be thorough.
* Some sort of **Organization or Structure** (there should be paragraphs, though there certainly don’t need to be five of them)
  + Example points of focus:
    - Explain the narrative structure, point of view, and the theme your chose within your piece of writing.
    - Explain the types of devices you chose and then why you chose them. Explore your own reasoning for the figurative language you chose.
* Your **Style** or **Voice** (after all, this paper is about who you are as a writer)
* Some sort of **Conclusion**
  + Example points of focus: current feelings about writing ventures; positive or negative changes in feelings toward the creative process; favorite or least favorite stages of the writing process; feelings toward writing this reflection; lessons you have learned about writing, creativity, perseverance, ambition, etc. Be thorough. Do not write about how you only completed this assignment for credit.
* **At least 15 different Memoir vocabulary terms**
  + Using the vocabulary packet, be sure you **naturally** and **correctly** incorporate at least 15 different vocabulary terms into your self-reflection. Only use terms that actually have some meaning to you, don’t just put anything that comes to mind. If you use the words incorrectly or artificially (just to check the box), you will not receive any credit.
  + These words should be **bolded** in the body of your essay.
* **Formatting:** Use proper MLA format including a title, header, page numbers, 12 point Times New Roman font, one inch margins, double spacing, etc.

Questions to consider when writing:

* What surprised you? What did you learn that you didn’t know before? What did you already know, but learning something new changed your opinion? What do you wish you had done differently? What did you learn about yourself as a person or as a writer? What effort did you put into drafting, editing, and revising your papers?  What was helpful in this process?  What was missing that could have helped?  What do you know now that you didn’t know before about writing or grammar?  What can you do that you couldn’t do before?

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