

Memoir Writing

1. What memory (or memories) will you write about?
2. Where and when did it take place? Describe the place in detail. What can you see? What are the sights, sounds, and smells?
3. Who was there? Write down who they were in relation to you and describe them in detail. What do they look like? How do you feel about them? Have you always felt this way?
4. How do you remember feeling during this memory? Did your feelings change over time?

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5. What is the most important part of this story? How will you highlight that in your memoir?

6. What did you learn from the story you are going to tell?

7. Do you or anyone else in the story go through any major or minor changes?

8. What do you want the reader to learn from your story? How do you want the reader to feel when they are done reading it?

9. Do you think your story should be told chronologically? If not, what is the best way to tell it? How can you best hold the attention of your readers?