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Memoir Writing Rubric

Criteria	4	3	2	1
Memorable Moment	Memoir focuses on a single moment that seems significant to the author's life.	Memoir focuses on a single moment that seems kind of significant to the author's life.	Memoir focuses on a single moment that does not seem significant to the author's life.	Author does not seem to be aware of the significance of the moment.
Structure - Events <i>before</i>	Author clearly "shows" attitudes and feelings numerous times through the thoughts, action and dialogue of the characters.	Author's attitudes and feelings before are evident & occur numerous times through the thoughts and actions of the character.	Direct statements indicate the author's feelings and attitudes and/or some events are not necessarily significant.	Memoir includes irrelevant events that cause the reader confusion in trying to determine the <i>before</i> feelings and attitudes.
Structure - Events <i>after</i>	The memoir clearly "shows" how the learning changed the author's life.	Although word choice does not always "show", it is clear to the reader how the learning changed the author's life.	Change is evident; but is "told" to the reader through direct statements.	Memoir includes irrelevant events that cause confusion when noticing the change in the author's life.
Style & Technique	Author consistently "shows" the significance of the events through engaging details, compelling language, and a balance of action, thoughts, and dialogue.	Author sometimes "shows" the significance of the events through details, compelling language, and a balance of action, thoughts, and dialogue.	Author "tells" the significance of the events through direct statements.	No effort is made to reveal the significance of the events to the reader.
Format	Memoir is neatly done and published in an appropriate and attractive format and could be used as a model for others.	Memoir is neatly done and published in an appropriate format.	Format of memoir may or may not be appropriate. Memoir may or may not be neat.	Format of memoir is not appropriate and piece is not published neatly.
Conventions	Memoir is error-free.	Memoir contains minimal mistakes that do not interfere with meaning.	Numerous minor errors often make memoir difficult to read.	Many errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation often interfere with meaning.

Name _____ Score _____