

Think of a moment that left a mark (could be real or metaphorical) – one that will be with you *always*. One that you may or may not want to change (but it doesn't matter now, because you can't rewind time). Tell that story. Take the reader along for the journey and make sure they can *feel* “why it matters.”

Keep in mind the ideas we've been spinning in class: storytelling is an art, it needs story pattern, the feel of a turning point; essays (real ones) don't come in neat little five-paragraph capsules – let your content dictate your structure, not the other way around; and writers have “moves” to make (yes, this means you) – choose words carefully, don't be afraid to try the unconventional.

Step one is simply to draft the writing. It doesn't have to be “good,” it just has to *be*. Relive that moment – capture its sights, sounds, feelings, and events. (And if there are some details you don't recall exactly . . . approximate. That's how memoirs work.)

Requirements:

- a true-*ish* story about a moment in your life
- typed in a Word document in MLA format (this means, among other things, double-spaced)
- 1 ½ to 2 ½ pages in length
- an original title (ALL works you write need a fitting title, NOT the assignment name)
- your best effort

DRAFT EVALUATION

Draft #1 will receive feedback and commentary from students in your WRITE CLUB group (and sometimes Mrs. C or Ms. Walke) in the Word Documents comments. Then, it's up to you to decide what you will do next to improve your piece of writing.

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE, hover on the Document bar, & start a new Word Document.
3. Write your moment. Make it good. Reread it to be sure it makes sense.
4. Title the doc YourlastnameDRAFT#1.docx* (not literally – use YOUR last name, e.g. McMurphyDRAFT#1.docx). *Note: the file extension .docx will show up automatically – don't add it. Also, don't delete the file extension or your doc won't open.
5. DO NOT share the document. I already have access to your folders so that is an unnecessary step.