

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

Your draft (when complete) will be uploaded in a digital MSWord format via Dropbox. (If you use a PDF form or GoogleDocs, be sure to reformat in Word before submitting.)

PROVIDE DOCUMENT NAMES FOR YOUR WORK AS FOLLOWS *

- LastnameDRAFT#2.docx (Ex. McMurrayDRAFT#2.docx)

**Leaving the .docx or .doc after the document name will allow the document to be opened in Dropbox without download (don't add it – it will automatically show up).

To change names of already named pieces, find the document, and without opening it, right click. Choose “rename” and fix the name, then “enter.”

STEPS TO COMPLETE THE UPLOAD OF DRAFT #2

1. Open Dropbox and Sign In
2. Open your shared folder WC Drafts (this one is shared to you, your group, & Mrs. C)
3. Either work through this folder and MSWord Online or use Upload to put the required and CORRECTLY titled piece in the folder (Doc title here includes your name DRAFT#2)

DRAFT EVALUATION

Draft #2 will receive feedback and commentary from students in your WRITE CLUB group (and sometimes Mrs. C) in Dropbox side comments. Then, it's up to you to decide what you will do next to improve your piece of writing.