

DRAFT/WRITING #3 PHOTO MEMOIR – a narrative or reflective photo-essay English 8

Find a photo with which you associate a story – or one that just makes you reflect. Tell that story. Reflect on what makes the experience/person/place/item important. Connect the reader to that photo and let her join your adventure, embarrassment, joy, pain, whatever. Attempt to be reflective in WHY IT MATTERS what it holds for not just you, but your reader.

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. Consider how you BEGIN. (What lead technique are you using?) How will your paper employ the appeals to emotion, credibility, and logic?

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 or reflection about whatever/whoever is in your photo
- an original photo
- 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#3.docx (Ex. McMurrayDRAFT#3.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 #3

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#3)

DRAFT EVALUATION

Draft #3 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.