

WRITING # 5 – QUICKWRITE OR MEMORY BOOK

THE OPTIONS

Choose any quickwrite from your notebook and expand it into a bigger piece. Take it wherever it needs to go. This means you can play with genre (maybe it's a story, maybe it's essayistic, maybe it feels like an opinion piece or builds an argument). You may build directly from what you have written in your notebook or you are welcome to take the "prompt" and head in another direction (in other words, start all over). Just pick something that inspires you and see where it goes. OR.....

Choose any chapter from the digital memory book assignment (reflective story-telling essays about you). You can find this document at the Memory Book tab on the mrsconnollysclass site. Use an essayistic style to take the reader into your life. Know that memoir lives in the mind of the teller, so fill in details the way you "remember" them. You are welcome to use the prompt as is, or make changes to suit your needs. Give it an original title, instead of the one given on the assignment sheet.

THE PARAMETERS

Full piece? As long as it needs to be = roughly two pages double-spaced. (Please don't write more than three.)

MLA Format – be sure to use it. (Specifically, watch your before & after spacing). Rewatch/watch the video if you need to.

Consider that one of the primary characteristics of essay is to connect the specific to the universal – to get to the *why it matters*.

Also, your paper NEEDS a title---NOT an assignment label—but a title that reflects and fits the piece itself.

THE "CATCH"

If you wrote MB last time, write QW this time and vice versa.

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE NEW FILE & start a new WORD document.
3. Write your essay. Make it "good." Reread it to be sure it makes sense.
4. Make sure you shift paragraphs where ideas shift. (Hint: it does NOT need 5 paragraphs—be free.)
5. Title the doc Yourlastname QW# or MB# (not literally – replace that with YOUR last name & the number should correspond with the QW # from your notebook or the MB # from the memory book sheet) Ex. SmithQW2.docx or SmithMB12.docx
6. Leave it in the Drafts folder. NO NEED TO SHARE.