

# THE MEMOIR: GATHERING IDEAS

MEMOIR IDEA #1:	MEMOIR IDEA #2:	MEMOIR IDEA #3:	MEMOIR IDEA #4:
What is the story/memory?	What is the story/memory?	What is the story/memory?	What is the story/memory?
Where & when did it happen?	Where & when did it happen?	Where & when did it happen?	Where & when did it happen?
How much <u>time</u> does it cover?	How much <u>time</u> does it cover?	How much <u>time</u> does it cover?	How much <u>time</u> does it cover?
Why is it significant? What did you <b>learn</b> or how did you <b>change</b> ?	Why is it significant? What did you <b>learn</b> or how did you <b>change</b> ?	Why is it significant? What did you <b>learn</b> or how did you <b>change</b> ?	Why is it significant? What did you <b>learn</b> or how did you <b>change</b> ?

# THE MEMOIR: GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

**1. Action, Plot, Conflict, Suspense:** WHAT happens during this experience? Give a quick summary of the experience in minute-by-minute chunks. If there is a jump in time, indicate that.

**4. Dialogue:** Who talks to who? What is their conversation about? Where and when does the conversation take place? What are they doing while talking?

**2. Setting:** WHERE and WHEN does this experience take place? Describe it using the 5 senses.

## **5. Thoughts & Reflection:**

### *Thoughts*

What do you think during this event? How do you feel?

### *Reflection*

What do you think later about this event? (This may connect to your significance or theme.)

**3. Characters:** WHO is involved in this experience? Describe yourself AND other characters (age, gender, relationship to you, physical appearance, role in this story, etc.).

**6. Significance & Theme:** What did you LEARN from this? How did it CHANGE you? WHY does it matter?