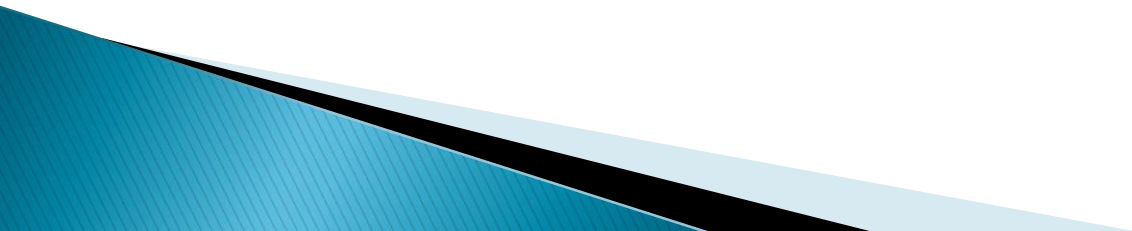


6 WORD MEMOIR ASSIGNMENT

YOUR CHALLENGE:

**I challenge you to write
your life story – your
memoir – in just 6
words!**

Memoir

- ▶ **Definition:**
 - ▶ A **memoir** is a personal story – it's your story that **you'd like to be remembered by.**
 - ▶ A typical memoir is usually thousands of words!
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Can you write an effective story
using ONLY 6 words?

Hemingway's famous memoir:

"For sale: baby shoes, never worn."



▶ **Almost a victim of my family.**

▶ **-Elizabeth Bernstein**

▶ **Never should of bought that ring.**

▶ **-Paul Bellows**



▶ **Love drama, just not my own.**

▶ **-Sam Zalutsky**



▶ **Afraid of everything. Did it anyway.**



▶ **Good things happen to bad people.**

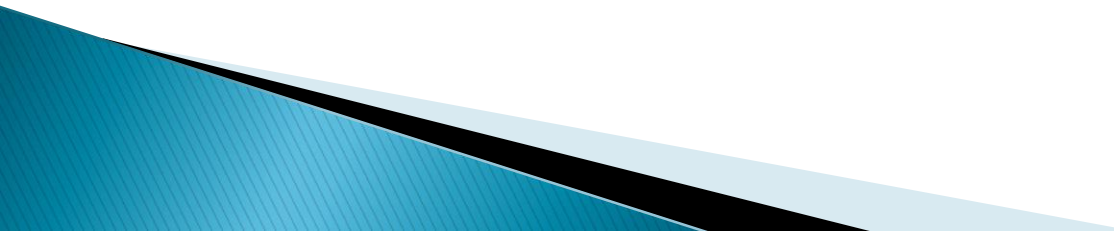
▶ ~Michael malice

▶ **School geek married a luscious cheerleader.**

▶ **~Christopher Clukey**



WORD CHOICE

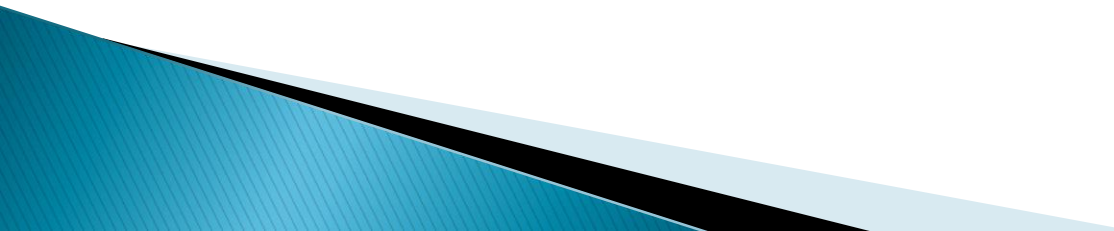
- ▶ **Word choice is important in all good stories, but when you must capture the moment using just 6 words, you must be precise.**
 - ▶ **All of these memoirs have carefully selected words.**
 - ▶ **All of these stories are effective stories with a beginning, middle, and end.**
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HOW TO?

➤ **Brainstorm a list of what makes you who you are:**

- **Your life experiences**
- **Your friends/family**
- **Your characteristics**
- **Your regrets**
- **Successes**
- **Failures**
- **Goals & Dreams**
- **Beliefs/Values**

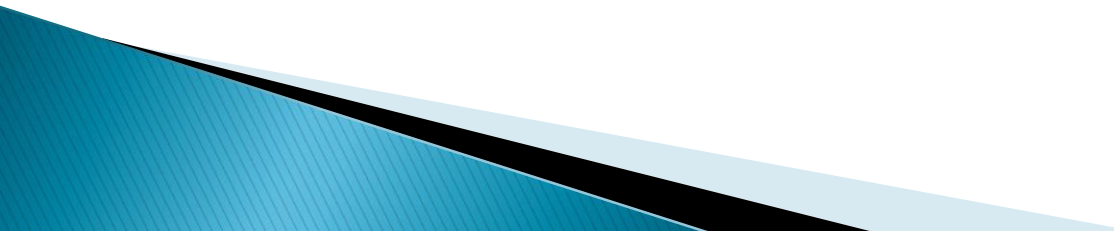
HOW TO?

- ▶ If you could settle on a few of those things, what would you choose to be remembered by?
 - ▶ How would you summarize your life thus far?
 - ▶ How would you describe yourself as a person?
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AND THEN...

- ▶ You will need to choose your words carefully. Make sure each and every word is deliberately chosen.
- ▶ Once you come up with your six words, can you find a way to make them more creative and colorful?

FINALLY...

- ▶ Is your memoir creative and memorable?
 - ▶ OR does it sound like a bumper sticker you read on your way to school this morning?
 - ▶ Be creative and unique
 - ▶ PLEASE do not copy ideas...come up with your own...it's the only way it will truly be YOU!
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NOW...

Get Started!

