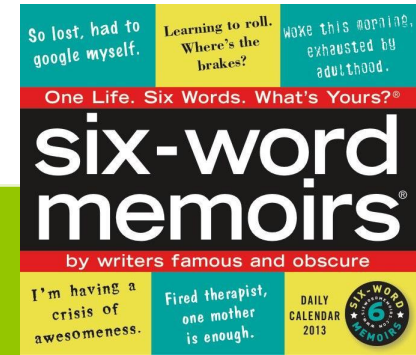


# Six-Word Memoirs

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**Aim:** How can we write a memoir in only six words?

**Stretch:**

1. Take your homework out (survey + contracts)
2. Reflect on a moment in your life that had a great impact on you. In a written response, explain how the event has changed you.

# What's a memoir?

- ☐ What does "memoir" mean?
- ☐ How is a memoir different from an autobiography?



# Autobiography vs. Memoir

*"An autobiography focuses on the **chronology** of the writer's entire life while a memoir covers **one specific aspect** of the writer's life."*

# A memoir in only 6 words?!

- Ernest Hemingway's Challenge:

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# NYC in only 6 words

## **SMITH Mag Contest Winners, “The Big Apple in Six Words”**

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What is that on my shoe.

Message to tourists: Keep walking.

Both my dads drive taxi cabs.

Just another Jew in New York.

Can't have simultaneously:  
job, apt, relationship.

Subway performers make more than me.

Elbowed groper on the E train.

Does the Naked Cowboy get cold?

Four-story McDonald's, ten feet wide.

New York is My Mount Everest.

# What's **your** 6 word memoir?

- ☐ **Independently** create your own 6 word memoirs.  
Things to think about while writing:
  - ☐ The **event** you chose during the “stretch”
  - ☐ **Characteristics** of a memoir
  - ☐ Only 6 words! Think about **powerful word choice** and **message**.
  - ☐ How should you live your life? What advice would your memoir give?
- ☐ **Choose one** 6 word memoir to write on the construction paper.

# Let's share our memoirs

- ☐ Submit your 6 word memoir to [www.sixwordmemoirs.com/teens/](http://www.sixwordmemoirs.com/teens/)
- ☐ **Create** an illustration to complement your memoir

