TERM 1 WRITING ASSIGNMENT

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| How does writing about true, personal experiences connect us? |

**Memoir**

**Competency 1 - TALK:** Use oral language to develop your memoir by conferencing with your peers and teacher; use language to support a small group; use language to learn.

**Competency 3 - PRODUCTION**: Follow a process to produce a memoir based on an isolated memory from your life; develop your style as a writer within a classroom community of writers.

**Writing Process**

1. Participate in a variety of activities in order to select a memory for your focus
2. Complete a brainstorming grid and a plot diagram.
3. Create a draft considering a specific strategy for your lead.
4. Conference with peers and complete a conferencing form
5. Revise your writing in a second draft, including dialogue.
6. Edit with your peers and adults in the classroom or at home.
7. Produce a final polished copy.

**What is a Memoir?**

A memoir is a written record of an event or a series of events from your own life. It is written from the first person point of view and is meant to share a memory in an engaging story format. Your memoir should zoom in on a specific memory that you have from your childhood or perhaps from a more recent experience. Your writing should create strong emotions in the reader and activate their sense of empathy.

Your memoir must include:

* A strong lead
* Your personal voice
* A focus on one memory
* Sensory details in descriptive passages
* Dialogue
* An emotional resolution
* Evidence that it is based on a plan
* Evidence of revising and editing