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# Drafting your Memoir Essay

# Review the Key Elements of a Memoir

- A meaningful story is told.
- The story has a plot with a beginning, middle, and end.
- The story is told in first-person.
- Chronological transitions indicate the passing of time.
- Description is used to convey mood, develop characters, create settings, and convey information.



- You are capturing a significant event in your life, and it has to be told as a story.
- You are using vivid details to keep your reader interested.
- Your reader can see your story is meaningful without you having to say it directly.
- Your story is relatable in some way to someone.

**In a few sentences, tell me the story you plan to write about.  
(Think of this as your plot)**

**In a few words, tell me why your story is meaningful to you.**

**In a few words, tell me why your story might be  
relatable to other people**

**Briefly describe what you will write in your  
essay's beginning, middle, and end.**

Beginning

Middle

End

**Write three sentences you might have in your essay  
that are written in first-person.**

**Write three descriptive sentences with vivid details  
that may appear in this memoir.**

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