Memoir Rubric: Grade 8M

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| **Length** | - Less than four paragraphs | - Minimum four paragraphs | - Minimum five paragraphs |
| **Ideas and Content** | - Purpose Statement is incomplete | - Most sections of Purpose Statement are complete | - All sections of Purpose Statement are complete |
| **Organization** | - There is no clear beginning, middle and end  - Events are not told in an order that makes sense, but jumps around | - There is an introduction  - Events are told in a somewhat logical order, but jumps around sometimes | - Introduction catches the reader’s attention  - Events are told in a logical order  - Conclusion tells what you learned from the memory |
| **Voice** | - Dialogue not attempted  - Description of feelings not written  - Minimal sensory details | - Dialogue with attempted use of quotation marks  - Describe how you felt during the memory  - Use some descriptions that show sensory details | - Use of dialogue with quotation marks used correctly  - Describe you how felt during the memory and how you feel about it now |
| **Word Choice** | - Two or less types of Figurative Language used  - Minimal descriptions with sensory details  - Very few WOW words | - Use at least three types of Figurative Language  - Use some descriptions that show sensory details  - used some WOW words | - Use at least four different types of Figurative Language  - Use strong descriptions that show sensory details (what you heard, smelled, saw, touched, and tasted)  - Consistent use of WOW words |
| **Sentence Fluency** | - A lot of run-on sentences and fragments  - Minimal experimenting with sentence structure | - A couple run-on sentences  - A couple sentences fragments  - Some experimenting with sentence structure | - No run-on sentences  - No sentence fragments (add subjects/verbs)  - Experiment with sentence structure (use coordinating conjunctions, semi colons, and periods) |
| **Conventions** | - Many words spelled incorrectly  - Many proper nouns not capitalized  - A lot of incorrect grammar usage | - A lot of words spelled correctly  - Some proper nouns capitalized  - Some of memoir is punctuated correctly  - Some correct grammar usage | - Majority of words spelled correctly  - All proper nouns capitalized  - Almost all of memoir is punctuated correctly  - Correct grammar usage |
| **Presentation** | Lack of attempt at MLA with incorrect font size, style, and spacing | - Attempted MLA format with size 12 font, Times New Roman and double spaced | - Correct MLA format (double spaced, header included, size 12 font in Times New Roman) |