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)  |