

Peer Revision for Memoir # _____

Author: _____ Peer Reviewer: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

FOR THE AUTHOR:

1. What do you feel is most successful about the memoir, even if this area still needs improvement?

2. What areas do you think need improvement overall? Point these areas out on the paper by putting [brackets] around them on your memoir.

FOR THE PEER REVIEWER:

Annotate your classmate's paper as follows:

- Underline sentences of parts of the memoir that caught your attention.
- Put an explanation mark (!) in the margin next to every passage that is especially effective or interesting.
- Put a question mark (?) in the margin next to any passages that you find confusing, that contain something that doesn't seem to fit, or that otherwise slow down your reading.
- If you have a question about something, write it in!

Once you have read and annotated the paper carefully, respond to the questions below. Be useful and helpful, please:

1. Does the memoir have a creative, catchy title? How does the memoir begin? Does the memoir have an exciting beginning that draws the reader in?

2. Provide a summary of the memoir. In your own words, what's the story here?

3. Does the author use vivid details and descriptions? Does the author use the five senses in his or her descriptions, so that you can see, hear, smell, taste and touch the scene? What was the most effective detail or description? Underline your favorite description.

4. Does the author use any dialogue? Who is talking to whom?

5. Does the author include a short reflection paragraph that reflects on the memory and explains to you why this is significant? What's the "SO WHAT?" What did the author learn from this memory?

6. Are there errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, or typing? Place check marks (✓) in the margins where you see any such errors.

7. Overall, what did you like or enjoy about this memoir?

8. What suggestions do you have for the author to help him or her improve her memoir?



Sign your name to the bottom of your partner's paper, and please bring both the draft and this peer revision worksheet with you to our next class meeting.