

Final Project: Senior Memory Book

For your final exam, we will be reading a variety excerpts from famous and unknown memoirs and creating a memory book that will be presented in class on the day of your scheduled exam (or earlier). The final product will be in a book form designed by you as a reflection of your personality. You might use a scrapbook form, a quality looseleaf notebook or another design of your choice. All elements below must be included in your final product.

The requirements and final order will be as follows:

1. Title Page
2. Choose one of the memoirs we read together and answer the questions that accompany them.
3. Choose a quote from the chosen memoir that you consider the best example of the overall message of the short story.
4. Write a mini- memoir of your own. Include “chapters” - about one to one and a half pages each - on six of the following topics.
 - **“Suddenly I Became Me”** - consider your earliest memory: people, places, family, events, etc..
 - **“School Bells”** - elementary school years: learning new things, favorite teachers, kids in your class, after school play dates, etc..
 - **“I Grew up Here”** - memories or associations you have with where you grew up.
 - **“Middle School Memories”** - middle school is a strange time. Recall your experience.
 - **“High School: Growing Pains”** - what are your most significant memories of high school?
 - **“People in your life”** - recall some of the most important people in your life.
 - **“I’m a Senior, at last “** - what’s it like to finally be a senior?
 - **“If I Could Do It All Over Again...”** - what would you change? or would you keep everything the same?
 - **“Looking Forward... Goals and Dreams”**
 - **“My Theme Song”** - what would your theme song, or a song that reflects who you are a person? The chosen song should fit your personality, experiences, feelings or growth as a person. Include the lyrics and a **1 page explanation** of why you chose this song to represent yourself.

Think about these pages as having an emerging theme, as in a memoir you have read. (5-8 pages in length total) This can be done in a graphic novel form, if you choose.

Senior Memory Book Grading Rubric

Name _____

Project Theme _____

25 Points for using class time to work on the project **points** _____

65 Points for completing all parts of the book with some creativity and thought - missing parts will be deducted from this area. **points** _____

- Title Page
- Reading questions
- Theme quotation and explanation
- Write a mini-memoir of your own. Include six "chapters" - one to one and a half pages only. Think about these pages as having an emerging theme, as in the memoir that you have read.

10 points for additional creativity and thought in decorating and creating your book **points** _____