**Grade 6 Language Arts**

**Mrs. Gallant and Mrs. Browne**

**Memoir**

**How to format and save a WORD document:**

Student Name (first and last)

Homeroom (6A)

Teacher Name/Subject (Mrs. Gallant/LA)

Due Date (January 31, 2018)

**We’re Here…**

My home is where my heart is. It is a place where when I walk in the front door I can smell my mom cooking delicious homemade meals. There is always food in the fridge, and a warm bed to crawl into at the end of a long, hard day. Snuggling down into my fleece sheets is just what the doctor ordered to help me relax. My home is peaceful but chaotic at times but a place where I know I’m safe. I know I am very fortunate to have a house to call my home. My home is one of my favourite places to be.

1. Set up a Google Account at [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca)
2. Sign into the Google Docs App on the iPad.
3. Change font to **Times New Roman, 12 point font**.
4. Go in to paragraph and change spacing to **double**.
5. Write **your personal information on the top** (follow the format in the example to the right).
6. **Center and bold your title** (make sure important words begin with an upper case letter).
7. Press **TAB to indent** each paragraph.
8. Write your essay – you DO NOT need to push enter after every line.
9. Remember to **check if the App saves** while working on your piece.
10. When you are ready to hand in your iPad, be sure you log out from the Google Docs App (Settings/Accounts/Manage/Remove).

**Published Piece of writing:**

* Typed, on white, unlined paper
* 12pt Times New Roman font
* Approximately 5 paragraphs
* Original Title (centered and bolded)
* **Due: Wednesday, January 31 2018**
* If you do not have a printer, please email your memoir as an attachment to [rebecca.gallant@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:rebecca.gallant@nbed.nb.ca). **Indicate that you need it printed in the subject line and I will be happy to print it for you and bring it to class.**

**Your memoir should be:**

* **organized** with an engaging introduction, body, and an effective conclusion.
* **content** should include a hook, three or more paragraphs to support your main idea with supporting details.
* **voice/tone** should connect the audience to your topic, clearly reveal feeling using the five senses
* **choose words** that are vivid (strong adjectives and verbs).
* **vary** the length and the beginnings of your sentences (remember to use transitions).
* **edit** spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

**Writing Checklist:**

To ensure your memoir has all the required elements, each of the following should be included in your writing assignment:

* Original title
* Introduction – hook your audience and set the scene (refer to Hooks handout)
* Body paragraph(s) – Use descriptive language by including details and feelings. Make the reader feel like they are reliving your moment.
* Uses transitions (refer to Transitions handout)
* Strong adjectives and verbs
* Effective Conclusion – Use one of the strategies for writing an effective conclusion (refer to Writing an Effective Conclusion handout)

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018: You will be handing in your writing package which will include: draft(s), self-assessment, and typed memoir.**