

# Criteria for a Short Memoir

## (GRADE 8)

### **Content** **50%**

- Include a short title that's interesting and relates to memoir
- Write from first person.
- Focus on one event and two main people involved.
- Integrate description.
- Use dialogue that reveals character (and moves plot forward).
- Use dialogue to give history or background information.

### **Style (craft and technique)** **30%**

- Create a lead that grabs readers and immediately sets the scene.
- Use strong verbs and figurative language.
- Show, don't tell where appropriate.
- Write a satisfying ending.

### **Writing Conventions** **20%**

- Mark paragraphs.
- Write dialogue correctly.
- Use complete sentences.