Six-Word Memoir Assignment

❖ You will be writing your own six-word memoir to display on the bulletin board in Mrs. Pile’s room.
❖ Write about an important or favorite memory, something that is important to you, how you want others to remember you or what you think is unique about you. Write a complete idea or phrase; don’t just write unrelated words.
❖ This will help Mrs. Pile get to know you and for you to get to know your classmates.

What is a memoir?
- A memoir is a historical account or biography written from personal knowledge or special sources; an autobiography or a written account of one’s memory of certain events or people. (google.com)
  - Some synonyms: account, history, record, chronicle, narrative, story, portrayal, depiction, sketch, portrait, profile, biography, autobiography, life story, memories, recollections, reminiscences; journal, diary

Some examples (don’t plagiarize these!):
- Setting goals and reaching for dreams
- Football championship within reach; Go Raiders!
- Support those who need your help.
- Volunteer to improve; make a difference!
- Getting others to smile and laugh
- Always finding joy in everyday things
- Making my dreams become a reality
- Didn’t say goodbye; feeling forever broken.
- Inspiring young minds through my passion
- Sometimes the smile hides the sadness
- Taking deep breaths to find peace
- Pushing myself to do my best
- Spread kindness and joy like confetti
- Family fits together like a puzzle
- Quiet moments bring much needed peace

Some tips:
- Don’t waste words! Avoid small, unnecessary words when possible (like a, an, the, so, and, etc.)
  - For example: Instead of “Being an inspiration” I said “inspiring.”
- Use descriptive and sophisticated words!

Directions:

STEP 1 – Rough Draft
1. On the back of this paper, write six options for your six word memoir. Be thoughtful and original! It must be your own words. Don’t plagiarize!!!
2. Then, of the six options you’ve created, write your final choice for your six-word memoir on the back of this paper.
3. Write an explanation of at least 2-3 sentences to explain why you chose that memoir. Why does it reflect you?
4. Have Mrs. Pile approve it.

STEP 2 – Final Copy
1. We’ll be in the computer lab to create your final copy.
2. Carefully read over your yellow grading rubric to make sure you understand how you’ll be assessed.
3. Type your own six-word memoir creatively (but legibly!). Remember to include your name and class period.
4. Include at least one relevant photo or graphic that compliments your memoir. Make sure it’s school appropriate. You can use a picture of yourself if it relates to your memoir topic.
5. Turning it in: Put your rubric on top of your memoir and turn it in to the box for your class period.
### Part I: Choices for my six word memoir (write FIVE; each line represents ONE of the six words!)

1. ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________
2. ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________
3. ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________
4. ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________
5. ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________    ________________

### Part II: My final choice for my six-word memoir: (re-write your choice below)

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### Part III: Why I chose this as my memoir: (Explain in at least two to three complete sentences)

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Mrs. Pile’s comments/suggestions: ____________________________________

Mrs. Pile’s approval: _________