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Six Word Snapchat

Legend has it that famous author, Ernest Hemingway, was once challenged to write

a story in only six words. He responded with this classic line: “For sale: baby shoes, never worn.”

The success of Ernest Hemingway’s story lies in the multiple questions and possible meanings that lie

between the lines. For example: Why is the narrator selling the shoes? Is the baby grown? Did she die?

Did she simply go barefoot or was she never able to walk? Is the narrator the mother, father, a sibling,

the former baby? Is the story about the end of childhood or the end of parenthood?

**1. What is a memoir?**

**2. Read the following six-word memoirs below:**

a. I came, I saw, I conquered!

b. Followed rules, not dreams. Never again.

c. This time, I actually hit send.

d. I live the perfect imperfect life.

e. Brighter light makes the shadow darker.

f. I color outside of the lines.

g. Never finished anything besides cake.

**Which memoir spoke to you the most?**

**3. What do you think the author meant by the memoir you chose?**

Assignment

First, create your own six-word memoir that will help the class get to know you. Think about the above memoirs and how they not only told a story about the person but provided information as well. There are a ton of six-word-memoir examples online too to help you if you are stuck!

Next, using Snapchat, take an image that represents your memoir best. If you decide to use a filter that is fine but it should contribute or relate to your memoir in some way. Place your memoir in the text bar across the image. \*Make sure you screen shot this so you can print and bring to class.

Finally, below your screenshotted Snapchat, write a five sentence paragraph explaining your memoir. Your paragraph should help us better understand your memoir and why you chose the specific 6 words.

\*\*\*If you do not have Snapchat, that is totally fine! Using the template on the back of this handout, create your own

“Snapchat-style” memoir by either drawing your own image or pasting images from the internet, magazine, or a photo from home in the template. Remember to place your six-word memoir across the image and write your paragraph at the bottom