**Grade 6 Language Arts**

**Mrs. Piron**

**Memoir – Meaning of Home**

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

Student Name (first and last)

Homeroom (6A)

Teacher Name/Subject (Mrs. Piron/LA)

Due Date (November 4, 2016)

**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. Go to FILE **save as** then select USB drive and title your writing: Meaning of Home – YOUR First and Last name.
2. Change font to **Times New Roman, 12 point font**.
3. Go in to paragraph and change spacing to **double**.
4. Write **your personal information on the top** (follow the format in the example to the right).
5. **Center and bold your title** (make sure important words begin with an upper case letter).
6. Press **TAB to indent** each paragraph.
7. Write your essay – you DO NOT need to push enter after every line.
8. Remember to **consistently push save** while working on your piece.
9. When you are ready to log off your computer you must eject your USB. To do this, go to the bottom right hand of your screen and click on the USB icon and select EJECT. This will only work if your document is closed.

**Published Piece of writing:**

* Typed, on white, unlined paper
* 12pt Times New Roman font
* Approximately 5 paragraphs
* Original Title (centered and bolded)
* **Due: Friday, November 4, 2016**
* If you do not have a printer, please email your memoir as an attachment to [Amanda.piron@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Amanda.piron@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 Meaning of Home essay 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) – Explode the moment 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)

**Friday, November, 4: You will be handing in your writing package which will include: graphic organizer, draft(s), self-assessment, and typed Meaning of Home essay.**