

Memory Poem Assignment:

This assignment is designed to help reveal something about you and also to act as a *catalyst* (an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action) for many of the concepts we will be learning this year. Write a poem/piece based on one of your memories. Think about creating a piece that is “disruptive.” To **disrupt** means to *uproot and change how we think, behave, do, learn and go about our day-to-day*. Keep this in mind when you write your piece. Is it a poem? Is it an exploration of you? Yes. Now be creative and explore your memory.

It must have the following components:

- It must be typed.
 - Name, date, class, and class period must be typed in the upper right-hand corner.
 - Your poem should have a title
 - Your poem must be at least 15 lines, but no more than 25.
 - You must have at least two stanzas to your poem.
 - Include water or liquid of any kind (tears, Coke, melting ice, etc.)
 - Mention a piece of furniture (bed, car, TV, etc.)
 - Address multiple senses. (taste, touch, sound, sight)
 - Tell a secret and tell a fib and don't tell me which is which
 - Surprise yourself – Try to write something you didn't know you knew
 - Avoid end rhyme at all costs. Do not center your poem on the page.
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- Draft one due: Wednesday _____