**WRITING YOUR MEMOIR**

(HANDOUT)

UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES:

--BIOGRAPHY

--AUTOBIOGRAPHY

--MEMOIR

EIGHT STEPS TO MEMOIR WRITING

--DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW

--TYPES OF MEMOIRS—WHICH ONE IS FOR YOU

--DECIDE THE TYPE OF MEMOIR FOR YOU

--DEFINING CHARACTERS—DESCRIPTIONS

--PROTAGONISTS, ANTAGONISTS, MENTORS

--FIRST PERSON, YOU ARE TELLING THE STORY

--CORRECT ENGLISH IS DIFFICULT

--START WRITING (ESSAYS, BRAINSTORM, ETC)

ASK SOMEONE, PERIODICALLY, TO READ A CHAPTER OR TWO AND GIVE YOU HONEST FEEDBACK

CONSIDER HIRING A WRITING COACH—A MEMOIR IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE YOU ARE WRITING ABOUT YOURSELF

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