**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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