Memoir Assignment

Your job is to write a personal memoir modeled after Ralph Fletcher’s Marshfield Dreams. You may include as many stories as you wish. You may choose to write one really long story or a combination of shorter stories. Your writing will be scored based on the Idea Rubric and how many words you write.

Idea Rubric

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| 20 points | 16 points | 14 points |
| * I picked a topic and stuck with it * My topic was small enough to handle * I had lots of details and included a lot of the following   + Exploded moments   + Dialogue   + Thought shots   + Specific details | * I picked a topic and pretty much stuck with it * My topic is almost small enough to handle * I have some details and includes a few of the following:   + Exploded moments   + Dialogue   + Thought shots   + Specific details | * I have included several ideas that might make a good topic * Topic is not clear * My story is a list and I include almost none of the following:   + Exploded moments   + Dialogue   + Thought shots   + Specific details |

Word Count

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| 10 points | 8 points | 6 points |
| 800 words | 600 words | 500 words |

Total Possible: 30 points