

Chapter Three: K-4

5th Grade Autobiography Assignment, Room 204

Assignment Description

You've now written about your ancestors, your birth, and your childhood and it's time to get into what you can actually remember about your life from the last few years. In Chapter three you will write about the experiences, milestones, and highlights of your elementary school years (except this year). Who were your teachers? What were your favorite things about school? What did you do during your summer vacations and/or other holidays? Simply make a list of whatever has been most memorable for you in the last five years.

Grading Criteria (20 points)

- This chapter should be a minimum of 500 words (10 points)
- Use proper grammar (three points)
- Use correct spelling (three points)
- Include a chapter title (one point)
- Include your name (one point)
- Include your word count next to your name (one point)
- Place the chapter at the top of your autobiography document (one point)

Tips and Tricks for Writing Chapter Three

Brainstorming. Like all writing assignments (and writing in the real world) you will benefit by engaging in "prewriting" or "brainstorming" before you complete your first draft. I recommend that you pull out a piece of paper and simply write down EVERYTHING you can remember about the last five years of your life. What stands out? What were the highlights? The lowlights? What memories do you have?

Talk to others. You may not remember as much as you'd like about the last few years. Talk to your parents, siblings, and friends. What memories do they have of you from over the last few years?

First draft. Once you have plenty of ideas and notes you need to start your first draft. You can choose to write sequentially or by theme/idea.

Proofreading and editing. Once you have completed your first draft you should go back over your writing to spot errors (grammar, spelling, choppy sentences). I have found that it helps to read aloud the first draft—you'll find that you catch a lot more when you actually hear it. You might even read it aloud to someone else because then not only will you catch errors but so will they, and they might have additional details you can add into the document.

Final draft. After reading, proofreading and editing your chapter you'll want to add any additional details you remember and then publish the chapter to your google document. Remember to put it at the top and to include your word count.