

Category	Far-Below-Basic	Basic	Meets/Exceeds Expectations
Hook/Opening	Your opening needs work. Think of something unusual that will grab the reader's attention.	Your opening is a bit weak. Think of a better way to pique the reader's interest.	Your opening grabs the reader's attention. Good job!
Content	You need to spend time thinking through details and adding depth to what you want to say.	You might want to work more at developing ideas and details in your narrative. Also, leave out unimportant details.	Your content is strong and creative; your effort at developing your narrative is evident.
Conclusion	Your conclusion needs work. Wrap up the main point of your narrative by focusing on the significance of the experience.	Develop the conclusion further. Reiterate the significance of this experience.	Your conclusion is effective. Story wraps up nicely.
Theme	The importance of tradition and culture is not present in your narrative, please revise.	The importance of tradition, culture, and family is present in your narrative, however you should add more details and be more vivid with your explanation of these aspects of your life.	The importance of tradition, culture, and family powerfully communicated and connected to your experiences. You chose a good experience to relate.
Sequence of Events	The sequence of events is confusing, and/or it's difficult to tell whether you are writing in the present or past tense.	The order of events was a little confusing. Check to be sure your plot makes sense.	The chronology of events was clear. Conflict was intense and immediate
Transitions	Your ideas are not connected, or you have rambled.	You try to connect ideas, but some of your transitions are weak.	Your ideas flow smoothly and connect clearly, within and among paragraphs.
Style/Syntactical Maturity	Put more of yourself in your writing. Your writing sounds stilted. Manipulate phrases and clauses to make it flow.	Some of your writing is strong, but pay attention to how you construct your sentences - make your paper flow.	You are developing a strong personal style through your attention to the nuances of language. Paper is enjoyable to read.
Compare/Contrast	You did not compare/contrast your traditions, culture, or family with those of the Luiseno Indian tribe.	You touched the surface of comparing/contrasting your traditions, culture and family with the Luiseno Indian tribe but it could use more development.	Your narrative includes a rich, deeply detailed comparison/contrasting of your traditions, culture and family with those in the Luiseno Indian tribe.
Self-Evaluation	You have provided copy of rubric with your memoir	Your rubric highlights/circles the evaluated criteria for each rubric component and was included with your memoir	Your rubric highlights/circles the evaluated criteria for each rubric component and includes self evaluation for rough draft as well as final draft

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