

Personal Memoir on Place
Writing Rubric

Criteria	Developing 1	Proficient 2	Exceptional 3
Ideas, Organization, Content	The essay provides a description of a place of importance to the writer	The essay includes an introduction, developed story of a place of importance, and a conclusion	The essay is well developed into a memoir that portrays the relationship and importance of a particular place to the writer
Style, voice	Style and voice are not apparent	Style and voice are discernable in several parts of the essay	Style and voice are clear and consistent throughout the essay
Word Choice, Sentence Fluency	Word choice and sentence fluency are common and basic	The writer incorporates word choices that support a visual description of place and sentences are varied	The writer uses words that invoke multiple sensory images of place and diverse sentence patterns that provide reward to the reader
Conventions	Punctuation, spelling, and grammar need some polishing	Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are accurate throughout most of the essay	Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and story structure are present and accurate