**Subject area/course**: English Language Arts

**Grade level/band**: 11–12

**Task source**: Educational Policy Improvement Center (EPIC)

**Remember Me**

**STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Task context**:

A photograph can catch people at moments that are hilarious, tragic, poignant, puzzling, or beautiful. In the same way, a memoir is a piece of writing that catches a snapshot of a person's life that can be quirky, depressing, funny, mundane, or illuminating.

For this task, you will write a memoir that recounts an experience from your life. First, you will explore form and subject by reading memoirs written by published writers. You may identify with some memoirs, be amused by some, or perhaps be upset by others. They are glimpses into the personal lives of the authors.

Then, you will write a memoir that creates such a moment for your reader. You will engage in a process of generating ideas, writing, revising, and editing so that your final product is worthy of publication. After you complete your memoir, you will deliver a dramatic reading of your memoir to the class.

1. **Final product**:

Write a memoir and deliver it as a dramatic reading to your class.

**Answers to some questions you might have:**

1. **What do I need to know or do to be successful on this task?**
2. **On this task, you will show that you know these things:**

* How complex and varied language, word choice and structure affect meaning and tone
* How a hook, opening, powerful language, and compelling conclusion contribute to a strong dramatic reading
* The elements of a strong written memoir and dramatic reading

1. **On this task, you will show that you are able to do these things:**

* Engage in a process of planning, revising, editing, and rewriting to produce a finished memoir
* Collaborate with classmates to generate ideas and actively engage in peer revision and editing
* Deliver a strong dramatic reading with good body posture, gestures, eye contact, a clear and audible voice, and appropriate pacing
* Use technology to conduct research and produce writing

1. **What materials will I need to complete this task?**

* A blank composition book, journal, or notebook
* A computer to access the Internet and to produce word-processed copies of their memoirs
* Selected readings provided by teacher

1. **How long will I have to complete this task?**

You will have 8–10 days to complete work on this project.

1. **How will my work be scored?**

Your teacher will score your work based on the accompanying rubrics: the English Language Arts Effective Communication Oral Presentation Rubric (for your dramatic reading) and the Narrative Teaching Task Rubric (for your written memoir). You should make sure you are familiar with the language that describes the expectations for proficient performance.