

Directions to Write an End-of-Year Memoir

Many of the best works of literature have a personal quality to them, and a personal connection to the life of their authors. Your assignment is to create your own memoir in the form of a personal newspaper. This will be a memoir of your childhood and your life today. You will be writing about the people, places, and events that have helped to shape you into the person you are today.

1. **The Cover:** It must include your name and a catchy title. Decorate it as you wish.
2. **The Table of Contents:** Your newspaper must have a table of contents. In the table of contents, you will list each section of your paper and the page where it can be found.
3. **Me Back When:** This section should include stories and recollections from your past. Focus on birth, preschool days, early childhood, elementary school. (Tell stories about your past—what is your earliest memory?)
4. **My Accomplishments:** Describe a project that you completed at some point in your life, along with an explanation of how you became interested in it. This accomplishment should be important to you.
5. **People I Admire:** Tell who your role models are and why.
6. **My Family and Me:** Describe your family members and what you think is special about each one.
7. **My Biographer and Me:** This will be a one- or two-page biography of you, written by someone who knows you very well (a close friend, sibling, parent, or relative).
8. **The Changing Me:** Discuss things about your life and yourself that you think are changing or that you would like to change if you could.
9. **The Future Me/My Goals:** Discuss your short-term and long-term goals (plans) for the future (family, school, career). Talk about leisure activities, travel plans. Describe some of the things that you would like to do or learn in the near and distant future.
10. **Movie Review:** Write a review of a movie that had a great impact upon you. Explain why it was so meaningful.
11. **Television Show Review:** Write a review of your favorite TV show. Why does this show appeal to you?
12. **Book Review/Music Review:** Write a review of a book or song that speaks to you. Share why it has such meaning for you.