Genre: Memoir

**Definition:**

A narrative written by an individual about a specific thing, person, or event that the individual has known or experienced.

**Forms and Features:**

* It is a form of autobiography that focuses on a single period in the author's life (although this period/topic may stretch over years).
* **Purpose** is typically to entertain, but one may learn a lesson from the story too.
* **Point of View** (p.o.v.) = 1st person
* **Tone** can be humorous, sad, serious, emotional
  + Memoirs create emotion or empathy in the reader.
* **Style** = informal (conversation-like)
  + Memoirs can be letters, diary or journal entries.
* Memoirs are descriptive.
  + Memoirs are more focused on the personalities and actions of others rather than just the writer's.
* The topic of a memoir can be just about anything, but usually they are about a person, place, event, pet, special item.

**Examples:**

* Ann Frank's Diary

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**Forms and Features:**

* It is a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that focuses on a single period in the author's life (although this period/topic may stretch over years).
* **Purpose** is typically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but one may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the story too.
* **Point of View** (p.o.v.) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ examples of key words:
* **Tone** can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Memoirs create \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or empathy in the reader.
* **Style** = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(conversation-like)
  + Memoirs can be letters, diary or journal entries.
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  + Memoirs are more focused on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others rather than just the writer's.
* The topic of a memoir can be just about anything, but usually they are about a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Examples:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_