**Memoir**

**Artifact Exhibit (50 Points)**

**Homework:**

Students bring an artifact (or a printed picture of the artifact) from their childhood. A one sentence “caption” describing the artifact should accompany the artifact itself. Please put your name on both the artifact – this is a public assignment, and your name will ensure your artifact(s) (or pictures) return.

Think about the following questions when choosing your artifact:

* *What does your artifact symbolize to you?*
* *What elements of your object/memories/symbolism/etc. do you think connect with a universal idea of childhood?*

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**Artifact Exhibit Stage #1 (Personal artifact)** Write a small paragraph response to **each of the following prompts** (2 paragraphs total). You will most likely come back to this when we are brainstorming out ideas for your final memoir piece.

**Prompt #1: What does your artifact symbolize to you?**

--Explain your perspective COMPLETELY!!!! (be sure to provide clarity in your writing)

--Talk about memories associated with the object itself, or the moment in childhood that it symbolizes.

**Prompt #2: What elements of your object/memories/symbolism/etc. do you think connect with a universal idea of childhood?**

--In other words, how does your experience with childhood connect with everyone else's?

--What do you think are common elements?

--Think about what you think childhood ***is*** and ***is*** not.