Generating Memories:

- Students will reflect on the questions that will help them write a memoir that says, "This is who I am."

- Students will brainstorm and create a list of memories that can be written as short stories.

- Students are not to write the stories today…they are just creating a list of ideas of stories that they may want to write.

- Students will choose several stories from their lists and create a diagram or picture filled with tiny details of the memory or story.

- All of this work should be completed in the student’s notebook.

1) What matters most to me?
   a. Create a list of at least three things that matter to me most.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

2) What kind of a person am I?
   a. Create a list of at least three things that describe what kind of person I am.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

3) What are some challenges that I have faced in my life?
   a. Create a list of at least three challenges that I have faced in my life.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.
4) What are some “firsts” that were memorable to me?
   Examples:
   a. First time fishing  
   b. First time hunting  
   c. First time swimming  
   d. First time in the snow  
   e. First time at school
   f. Create a list of at least three “firsts” that were memorable to me.
   g. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

5) What are some places that are important in my life?
   a. Create a list of at least three places that are important in my life.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

6) Who are some people that are important in my life?
   a. Create a list of at least three people that are important in my life.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

7) What are some goals that are important in my life?
   a. Create a list of at least three goals that are important in my life.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.

8) What are some values that are important in my life?
   a. Create a list of at least three values that are important in my life.
   b. And then write suggestions for stories that relate to these topics.