

## Six-word Memoirs

**Legend has it that Ernest Hemingway was once challenged to write a story in only six words. His response? “For sale: baby shoes, never worn.” In November 2006, Larry Smith, founder of SMITH Magazine, gave the six-word novel a personal twist by asking his community to describe their lives in exactly six words.**

They sent in short life stories in droves, from the bittersweet (“Cursed with cancer, blessed with friends”) and poignant (“I still make coffee for two”) to the inspirational (“From migrant worker to NASA astronaut”). And hilarious (“Married by Elvis, divorced by Friday”). And the Six-Word Memoir project was born.

[Check out this 2 minute video for six-word memoirs written by students!](#)

So what does it take to write a six-word memoir?

- ❖ It should be specific to your life -- make it personal!
- ❖ Get inspired by thinking about what truly defines you.
- ❖ Make revisions -- play with wording and punctuation!

**"Finish strong, Nathan!" Mom yelled wildly.**

By JodiMarie on August 7, 2020

**Your potential is out there somewhere**

By abbykitty14 on August 12, 2020

**Together, we can make a change**

By Superwomen on August 10, 2020

**Mrs. O'Janpa's six-word memoirs:**

There's always another rollercoaster to ride!

Disneyland, worth the wait -- Thanks Walt!

Finally, championships returned to Cleveland (2016).

**Now it's your turn... feel free to write as many as you want, but I'd like you to have one you're willing to share with me. You will upload this to Google Classroom by Thursday, August 20.**