

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. Klampe's six-word memoirs:

Responds without thinking, could be trouble.

Inspired by stars, chocolate, and books.

Browns fan through and through -- help!

Now it's your turn... feel free to write as many as you want, but I'd like you to have two you're willing to share with me. **Put them in the space provided below and turn into**

Google Classroom by Monday, August 30.

My 6 word memoirs

Write as many as you want, and share two of your favorites with me below.

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