



Composition 101A & 101B

WEEK 4 SYLLABUS

Instructions for Week Four

This week, we are going to start writing our memoirs!

Remember, when you see a span of days together (Monday-Thursday), you are welcome to split your time up as you like—do a little bit each day, or spend extra time on one day so you can have a day off on another. Just don't wait until the last day and try to get four days of work completed in one day!

Monday – Thursday

You have 4 tasks.

- 1) **Read** “Chapter 8: Elements of Voice” in the Resource Guide.
- 2) **Revise**: Go back to the “Memoir - Outline” folder in Week 3 and check for any comments from your coach.
 - Adjust** your outline according to the feedback you received.
 - Email** your coach with any questions.
- 3) **Write**: Using your outline to steer you, write the rough draft of your memoir. **Make sure to review the memoir assignment in Week 3.** Are you including all the requirements? If you are doing the challenge assignment, be sure to include the elements needed for that.
- 4) **Post** your rough draft **by midnight on Thursday** in a new topic in the Week 4 Board called "Memoir – First Draft."

Tip: Use one of these days as a flex day! Remember, a flex day can be used to take one day off, to spend extra time writing, or to get ahead on an assignment later in the week.

READING FICTIONAL STORIES:

- Read**: You have between now and Week 6 to read **at least three professional short stories**. You will need to use these stories for an activity in Week 6.
 - If you need specific titles of books that qualify as short stories, please go to week 3 and open the “Fiction Suggested Reading List” document.

Friday

You have 4 tasks today:

- 1) **Activity:** Go to the Week 4 topic called “Quality Questions Part 1” for your level (101A or 101B). Read the story that is there, then click on “Add discussion topic” and complete the activity.
- 2) **Read** the post “Quality Questions Part 2” for your level.
- 3) **Read** “Chapter 9: Playing with Voice: Descriptive Details” in the Resource Guide.
- 4) **Find an example** of descriptive details in any novel or short story that you are reading or have previously read. You have until **Monday** to post this example in the Week 5 folder “Descriptive Details Examples.”

Caregiver Guide:

Monday-Thursday: Writing Days

Friday: Activity Day

Note: Your student should be reading three short stories between now and Week 6.