Grade 8 Ela:

I put 4 days worth of lesson plans, but it may take you longer to complete. I always tend to over plan!

-Read for about 15 minutes a day.

Day 1:

**Memoir-** Retell an event in one’s life.

Examples: trip, getting in trouble, breaking something, sporting event

-Use the map and write down a variety of different ideas you could possibly write about. No need to add detail, you are just generating ideas.

-colour it when done.

**Day 2**: Read for about 15 minutes.

-Talk to some someone and tell them what a memoir is

-Read the following story called A Rice Sandwich

Answer the following questions:

* Why does Esperanza want to eat in the canteen?
* How does Esperanza convince her mother to allow her to eat in the canteen?
* Why did Esperanza say that the house was hers when it wasn't?
* How did Esperanza’s mood(feelings) change from beginning to end.

Day 3

-Read for a few minutes.

**-Quick journal entry**: looking at your heart/brain/people map choose a memory to tell me about.

Read the following short story: One good day

**Answer the following questions:**

what makes this a memoir?

-Why do you think the person wanted to tell this story?

-How does the first couple of lines attempt to hook you into their story? What stands out?

Who is it about?

What is it about?

Where does it take place?

When?

Why does something happen?

Day 4:

Read for a few minutes.

In your journals I want you to make a list as many 6 word memoir of your life as you can(no more than 6 words).

Ex. They attacked us by the 100’s.

I thought I was going to die!

He was out of bed again

My worse nightmare actually came true!

-read the handout on “hooks”

- Write a few prompts (hooks) that you could use to start one of your memoirs.