**Six Word Memoirs (6WM)**

One life. Six words. What’s yours?

**Famous:**

“Well, I thought it was funny.”

– Stephen Colbert

“Everyone reads what’s in my diary.”

–Taylor Swift

**Not so famous:**

“Cursed with cancer. Blessed with friends.”

“I colored outside of the lines.”

**“Got three sisters and no dad.”**

**Tips for writing 6WM:**

1. **It only works if it’s personal.** Because it’s a memoir, it should be specific to your life.
2. **Limitations force you to be creative.** Write a great memoir BECAUSE of the parameter, not in spite of it.
3. **Get inspired by reading other memoirs.** I’ll have several YouTube clips of memoirs for you to view for inspiration.
4. **Like any other piece, make revisions**. Put the six best words in the best order. Together, we’ll make a list of words you should not use in your 6WM.
5. **Synonyms strengthen memoirs and add meaning.** In class, we’ll practice finding synonyms to make your memoir stronger.
6. **Publish your story to inspire others.** We will be designing a poster for your 6WM.

Start by brainstorming below. Make lists of facts about you. For example: Where do you live? How many siblings do you have? What are your favorite things to do, favorite foods, favorite places, etc.? What important events have happened in your life? What is important to you? What are some personality traits that describe you?