**The One-sentence Poem**

**Description:** For this assignment, you will be writing about a memory. It can be a time when you were embarrassed, punished, devastated, frustrated, relieved, overjoyed, or furious. You will describe this memory in one long or short sentence that will take the form of a poem. Your poem *does not* have to rhyme, have a rhythm, or be full of fancy-pants language. Your poem DOES have to have detail and SOUND LIKE YOU. The focus of this activity is to establish a VOICE.

**Step One: Pre-writing—**In the box below, list as many memories as you can in 5 minutes. These can be as recent as last hour, or go back to early childhood. Example: “Me sitting in the sandbox all by myself

**Step Two: Decide—**Circle the memory that you’re going to write about.

**Step Three: Free-write—**Complete a ten minute free-write and include as much information about this memory as you can. Include descriptions (of EVERYTHING), sensory details, thoughts and feelings, future implications, significance, background…in other words EVERYTHING related to this memory.

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**Step Four: One-sentence poem—**One a separate sheet paper, compose a one-sentence poem using the information above. Include only the most vivid details, and pertinent information. Your poem may be only a few lines, or you an entire page. Be sure to use conjunctions appropriately.