Analyzing Memoir Name_____

Memoir comes from the word memory because the writer remembers a single event or period of time in their own life and then writes about it. These memories can be simple, fun, dramatic, or traumatic, but they are shared because it impacted the author's life in some way.

Author:_____ Text Title:_____

Total #of pages_____This author shared: _____a single event OR _____a period of time

The organizational pattern/author's craft was {check all that apply}:

_____sequence (in order)_____out of sequence(out of order) _____ no particular order

_____in chronological order (by date/time)

_____with foreshadowing

_____with flashbacks

_____with flash-forwards

_____with background information

_____other _____ [see below]

{circle all that apply: descriptive; cause/effect; compare/contrast; problem/solution}

This period of time/event was important to the main character because_____

_____.

For instance, "_____

_____."

The way this event/time period impacted their life was that_____

_____.

The author's purpose was to inform/entertain/persuade {circle one} about_____

_____

_____

and a supporting quote is "_____

_____

_____."

Theme means_____.

One theme of this memoir is_____.

Supporting text evidence is: "_____

_____."

A symbol (picture) to represent the main character would be a _____because

_____

_____.

Drawing/sketch:

Supporting quote/citation for sketch:

"_____

_____

_____."

Memoir

Memoirs often include other people who either influenced the author's life positively or negatively. If people cannot be used, consider using events. Fill in the chart below

Person/Who or Event:	**This person/event had a positive/negative influence/ impact since/because**	**Text evidence/quote/pg.**

Record three obstacles (hardships) this person faced:

Obstacle: NOTED:	Quoted:
1	
2	
3	

Record three successes they experienced (may be related to above):

Successes: NOTED:	Quoted:
1	
2	
3	

From this person's experience, I learned_____
_____
_____.
This is important because_____
_____
_____.