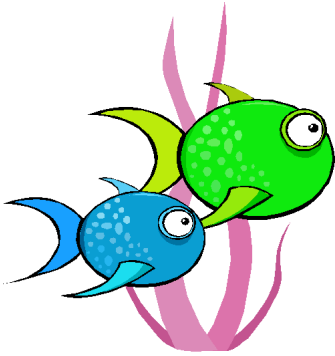


An Early Memory



Draw a picture of your house or your neighborhood when you were in kindergarten, first, or second grade. Be sure to include all of the rooms in your house or the houses and landmarks in your neighborhood. When you have drawn the picture, label each room or landmark with one instance that happened there for each.

For example, if you have drawn your house and each room, a memory in the bathroom might be the a time you cut yourself with a razor or a funny thing that happened in the bathtub. Be specific for each room. If you have drawn your neighborhood, you might have included a neighbor's driveway where your friends and you had a food fight, or you might have drawn a tree where someone hung shoes and boots. Be sure to include as much physical details as possible so you can also include many memories.

After your drawing and labeling, choose one vivid memory and write a memoir (narrative) about that event in that place and time. Focus only on the one event and include sensory details so your reader sees the event unfold. Remember to capture your reader, set a tone, and use time transitions.