

GRADING RUBRIC FOR MEMOIR

Below are the elements of writing I use to determine your grade.

ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

Creative title on the essay	5 pts	
First sentence interesting, surprising, or captivating enough to pull the reader into the narrative	5 pts	
Dialogue used when characters speak	10 pts	
Narrative written in present tense	10 pts	
Sentences written in active voice	10 pts	
Unnecessary helping verbs cut	5 pts	
Clichés cut, replace with creative similes and metaphors	5 pts	
Proper grammar/punctuation/spelling	10 pts	
No overuse of indefinite pronouns (it, they, them, etc.) as the subject of the sentence	5 pts	
Adjectives and adverbs limited, replace with concrete descriptions	10 pts	
Scenes described using concrete nouns and verbs, and all five senses	10 pts	
Essay formatted in manuscript style - 8-12 page minimum, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins.	10 pts	
Major revisions between three drafts	5	

TOTAL: 100 POINTS