Selves Project

(abbreviated version)

**1. Prewriting (Brainstorm)**

** Make a list of all your different “selves” (i.e. student, daughter, son, athlete, teenager, etc.).**

** Now, circle which “self” is most important to you or the one you think would be most fun to write about.**

** For that circled self, write a brief list of stories (at least 5) that represent this aspect of you. For example, if you chose the athlete self, you could list a favorite game memory, an injury received while playing, etc.**

* **Of those 5 stories listed, choose the most important one and circle it.**
* **Think about the most important five minutes of that story, and write down the sentence that would be the middle of the action.**

**2. Rough Draft**

* **Now turn your prewriting into an autobiographical story.**
	+ **Your story should be approximately one (1) page long.**
	+ **The real time of your story should be no longer than five minutes.**
		- **Remember:**
		- Start in the middle of the action
		- Include dialogue
			* Watch punctuation and indentation
		- Word choice
			* Show not tell
			* Create word pictures
		- Reveal the significance of the story.
			* Why is the story important to your life?
	+ **PreAP – Use both direct and indirect characterization in your story.**

**3. Revising and Editing**

* **Have a peer (or someone older than you) do this. Use the provided revision sheet.**
	+ **You must have an edited rough draft to get credit for the final draft!!**

**4. Final Draft**

* **Your final draft will need to be typed.**
* **Your story should be no longer than one page!**
* **Make sure to use MLA formatting.**