**Childhood Memory Assignment**

It’s good to write down recollections. As vivid as the moment seems at the time, memories fade. You are in fairly close proximity to your memories, and can usually remember the details more vividly than adults.

Jot your thoughts in snippets or write them out diary-style. Either way, do your best to **recall the sensory details** that made the moment important, for it’s those little things that keep the memory alive.

(1 typed page **hard limit**—MLA Heading, but may be single-spaced, with double between paragraphs) You may bring an object or picture associated with this memory for three bonus points.

Writing Prompts to Help Jog Childhood Memories

1. Who was your**best childhood friend**? Write about some of the fun things you used to do together.
2. Describe one of your **earliest childhood memories**. How old were you? What bits and pieces can you recall?
3. When you were little, did you ever try to **run away from home**? What made you want to leave? What did you pack? How far did you get?
4. Can you remember your mom’s or grandmother’s **kitchen**? Use sight and smell words to describe it.
5. Describe the most **unusual or memorable place** you have lived.
6. Did you have your own bedroom growing up, or did you share with a sibling? **Describe your room.**
7. Were you shy as a child? Bossy? Obnoxious? Describe several of your childhood [character traits](http://www.thecurriculumcorner.com/wp-content/pdf/character%20traits%20list%203.pdf). How did those qualities show themselves? Are you still that way today?
8. What childhood memories of your mother and father do you have? Describe a couple of **snapshot moments.**
9. Write about a **holiday memory**. Where did you go? What did you do? What foods do you remember?
10. Describe your favorite **hideaway**.
11. Did you attend a traditional school, or were you educated at home? Describe a **school-related memory.**
12. Think of a time when you did something you shouldn’t have done. Describe both the incident and the feelings they created.
13. Have you ever needed stitches, broken a bone, or been hospitalized? Describe a**childhood injury or illness**.
14. Do you have quirky or **interesting relatives** on your family tree? Describe one or two of them.
15. Describe your most memorable **family vacatio**n. Where did you go? Did something exciting or unusual happen? Did you eat new or unique foods?
16. Did you grow up with **family traditions**? Describe one.
17. **Books can be childhood friends.** What were some of your favorites? Why were they special?
18. Describe a game or activity you used to play with a **sibling**.
19. What was your **most beloved toy**? Describe its shape, appearance, and texture. What feelings come to mind when you think of that toy?
20. Think of a childhood event that made you feel **anxious or scared**. Describe both the event itself and the feelings it stirred up.
21. Write about some **sayings, expressions, or advice** you heard at home when you were growing up. Who said them? What did they mean? Do you use any of those expressions today?
22. What are your **happiest childhood memories**? Describe one event and the feelings associated with it.

*Use the space below to brainstorm several memories. List details next to each one. Then determine which memory you want to write about and get started!*