

# 6 WORD MEMOIR

Ernest Hemingway was once asked if he could write his memoir in only 6 words. He responded with the following:  
"For sale: Baby shoes, never worn."

Six word memoirs are a great way for students to get to know one another and to play with extreme constraints.

Smith Magazine actually has a whole site ([sixwordmemoirs.com](http://sixwordmemoirs.com)) devoted to reader submitted 6 word memoirs.

Some of our favorites include:

"My childhood would be forbidden today."

"He won my heart with bacon."

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Have students write their 6 word memoir on a large sheet of paper that can be displayed for others to see (this works best if students are given time outside of the session to think this through and bring it to the session completed.)

Have students share their 6 word memoirs with a small group or the class and have a discussion around what each of the memoirs mean.

