

6 word memoirs

Memoir (noun)

1. a record of events written by a person having intimate knowledge of them and based on personal observation.
2. Usually
 - a. an account of one's personal life and experiences; autobiography.
 - b. the published record of the proceedings of a group or organization, as of a learned society.
3. a biography or biographical sketch.

Ernest Hemmingway:

“For Sale: baby shoes, never worn.”

The success of Ernest Hemmingway's story lies in the multiple questions and possible meanings that lie between the lines.

- Why is the narrator selling the shoes?
 - Is the baby grown?
 - Did the baby die?
 - Did the baby simply go barefoot?
 - Was the baby never able to walk?
- Is the narrator
 - the mother?
 - the father?
 - the sibling?
 - the former baby?
- Is the story about:
 - the end of childhood?
 - the end of parenthood?
 - the end of innocence or justice or happiness or all of the above?

Synonym

- A word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another
 - joyful, elated, glad

- Synonyms can be any part of speech (e.g. nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs or prepositions), as long as both members of the pair are the same part of speech.
- Synonyms do express similar meanings but they also vary according to connotation, register, and sound/rhythm.

Constructing Six-Word Memior

- Consider the similarities and differences within word groups on the basis:
 - a. Connotation: the emotional or personal associations the word carries, beyond its literal definition
 - b. Register: the level of formality or informality associated with the word.
 - c. Sound and rhythm: the way words sounds can contribute to their appropriateness
- Create a six word memoir, taking into account word choice and message.