**My Personal Memoir: Identifying a theme**

**Step 1: Identify Topics**

List 3 important topics that are in your personal memoir.

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**Step 2: Create a hypothesis** from one or more topics.

**Step 3: Check**

1. Not a moral
2. Not a Cliché
3. Not a Question
4. A strong opinion that could be debated

**Step 4: Collect evidence in support of your hypothesis**. This is parallel to your deep viewing skill. Consider symbols, lyrics, and events. You must have at least 3 solid pieces of evidence to decide that your hypothesis is a theme.

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| Symbols (objects with meaning) | Lyrics (words said) | Events |
| Example  Link to theme | Example  Link to theme | Example  Link to theme |

Step 5: Refine theme statement

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Plan to convey my theme through the para-text of my Memoir

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| Para-text | I plan to show my theme through… |
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