English FP 12 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Many Okanagan teachings focus on the importance of the land a person comes from and how it has shaped the person they are. For this assignment, we will be travelling to a place where we can look out over the city of Penticton and reflect on a story from our lives that we would like to tell. It is fine if the story took place somewhere else, this trip is a chance to get us thinking on the land with visuals to inspire us in and a chance to brainstorm your plan while walking with a partner.    
   
  
**On the drive there: What do you think the quotes below mean? Record your thoughts below the quote and then, answer question #3**  
   
1. “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.” ***Soren Kierkegaard***  
 

2. “My People say that there are seven hills to life. Each hill is a vantage point for looking back, though not everyone takes the time for reflection. There is a hill for youth and adolescence, a hill for adulthood and parenting. There are the hills of middle life, the teaching time, and on into the elder years, the giving back time. The Ojibway say it is only in looking back that you discern the trails, identify the climb and rest contented in each stage of the journey. The final hill is the elevation of wisdom. From there you can look back on the vast panorama of your life and come to know who you are by virtue of who you’ve been” ***“Vanishing Points” Richard Wagamese***

 

 3. If/when you leave Penticton, what do you think you will miss most about living here?  
 

**At the location:  Look out over the city of Penticton. Think of a place that you have a personal connection to. Use this as an inspiration for your personal narrative. It is fine to choose a place that is not Penticton if that is where your story takes place**  
   
**1. What is an experience/event from your past that links to the place you chose:**

**2. Describe this event/experience in as much detail as possible (create a story of that experience). If the story is quite personal, you can keep it a bit vague in this part**

**3. What are 1-2 moments that you will want to describe in vivid detail?**

**4. Why was this experience/event (from your past) important to you? What did you learn from it?**  
 

​5. **What do you think the first sentence of your story will be?**

**6. Are there any parts that you are struggling with or need help with?**

**Part Three:  Please answer the reflection questions below.**  
   
**1. Do you think that growing up in this area has affected who you are as a person? If you didn't grow up here, you may reflect on wherever you grew up.**   
 

2.**What parts of Penticton will you take with you (in your thoughts and memories) if you leave?**

**Part Four: Please write a personal narrative (any story from your own life, can be big or small, but you should have learned something or took away something from it.**

Size: 300-500 words minimum (more is fine) multi-paragraph story (meaning don't write just one long paragraph, break up your writing into separate paragraphs).

Criteria:

1. Engaging beginning

2. Sentence variety (sentence size and beginning)

3. Descriptive writing (use language that appeals to your five sense and use at least one poetic device

4. Properly formatted dialogue (if you choose to use dialogue)

5. Memorable ending (bring it back to your beginning and/or explain what you learned)

6. Edited using the editing creative writing sheet

Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_