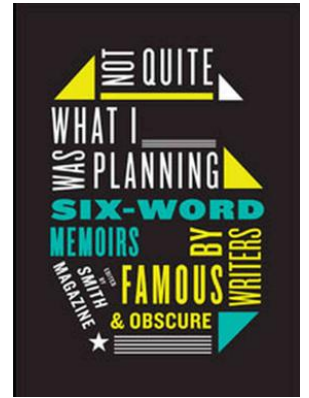


Six Word Memoir Assignment

PART ONE: You



1. Can you tell your life story in six words? **Try.**
2. Once asked to write a full story in six words, legend has it that novelist Ernest Hemingway responded: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." What can you infer from his words?
3. Here are some more examples:
 - Writer Dave Eggers – "Fifteen years since last professional haircut."
 - Singer Aimee Mann – "Couldn't cope so I wrote songs."
 - Comedian Stephen Colbert – "Well, I thought it was funny."
 - "Love me or leave me alone" was scrawled on a hand dryer in a public bathroom
 - "I still make coffee for two" was penned by a 27-year-old who had just been dumped.
4. Can you tell your life's story in six words? **Try again.**

PART TWO: Boston Globe Article

Directions: Read the article aloud as a group. Underline words and phrases that stand out to you. Then, create a Six Word Memoir based on your thoughts and feelings after reading the article. Write your Six Word Memoir in the box below: