

Creating Personal Vignettes

• LIST YOUR FIRSTS •

Take a moment to consider the new experiences you've had over the course of the past year. Think about the things you did for the very first time. Maybe you moved to a new city, started a new passion project, or fell in love.

 Use the space below to record your five firsts from the past year.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

• DESCRIBE A MOMENT •

Select a first from the list above and think of a specific moment from that experience that you wish to unpack further. Once you've selected your first and thought of your moment, take some time to respond to the questions below. You'll pull from these responses later when you sit down to write your poem.

 What was the physical setting?


 What do you remember hearing?

 What do you remember seeing?

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• SELECT YOUR VIGNETTE •

It's finally time to create your personal vignette! To do this, you'll select one or two lines from your poem that can tell a complete story without the context of the rest of the poem. Look for lines that ring true to you and your story or take on new meaning when isolated. The most important thing to keep in mind is that these lines should be capable of standing on their own.

 **Go back through your poem above and highlight the lines that stand out to you. Once you've selected a few lines to serve as your personal vignette, write them down below.**
