Notables “Autobiography” Rubric 2017 – for Final Draft

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|  | **1 (Not there yet)** | **2 (Getting there)** | **3 (Meets expectations)** | **4 (Exceeds expectations)** |
| **Lead** | The beginning paragraph does not catch the reader’s attention. | The first paragraph has some words that make you interested in reading more. | The first paragraph uses dialogue, images, or a question to interest the reader. | The first paragraph draws the reader in with vivid words and images. |
| **Timeline (x2)** | The autobiography leaves out two or more events from the timeline. | The autobiography includes most/all events from the timeline with little additional info about the events. | The autobiography includes all events from the timeline AND gives more detailed information. | The autobiography expands on all the timeline events with interesting details and voice. |
| **Organi-zation (x2)** | The autobiography is out of order and does not help the reader understand your important contributions. | The order of the autobiography’s events lead to confusion about their sequence or importance. | The autobiography follows a clear order from event to event. Important events may occur in the lead. | The autobiography is sequenced to draw in the reader with the most important events clearly emphasized. |
| **Why are you notable?** | It is not clear how you made a difference in the world. | Limited information is given about how you contributed to the world. | Your major contributions to the world are clearly stated. | You convince the reader that you are worthy of recog-nition for your accomplishments. |
| **Style and voice** | The autobiography may switch between “he/she” and “I.” No personality shows through in the writing. | The autobiography mostly stays in first person (“I”), with brief areas of description or dialogue that show personality. | The autobiography stays in first person (“I”), and word choice shows personality through the writer’s expression. | Staying in first person, the writer creates a true voice for your character that fits with your lifestyle and time period. |
| **Mech-anics** | Many spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors. Not all sentences are complete. | Some errors that interfere with meaning. Most sentences are complete. Some sentences run on. | Minor spelling or punctuation errors may occur, but all sentences have a beginning and end. | Spelling and punctuation are error-free, and sentences are varied and well-constructed. |

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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