Descriptive Memoir Peer Review Sheet

1. Read through your partner’s draft once completely without making any marks or comments on this sheet or the draft. Get a clear sense of what your partner is communicating.

2. Read the draft again, this time responding to the following items by circling appropriate answers and providing comments as you read. Please provide clear and specific feedback. Focus on the elements listed below, and do not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar—those words or sentences may not even be there in the next draft!

The subject of the memoir is clear and I can tell why the event is significant to the author.

AGREE AGREE SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

Who is involved in the memoir? ___________________________________________
What happens? __________________________________________________________
Where does it happen? _____________________________________________________
Why? ___________________________________________________________________
Why is the event significant? _____________________________________________

The memoir makes an attempt to match the style of The Giver.

AGREE AGREE SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

Does the author use...action verbs in present tense? Y N
...plenty of sensory details? Y N
...appropriate sensory details? Y N

Explain your favorite part of the memoir. You may want to talk about the interesting hook, well-developed body paragraphs, or the strong conclusion.

Suggest one substantial change you might recommend. Does an event need more description or development? Can you clearly understand the event’s significance to the author?