

The Purpose of Memory

Name _____

Our memories are everything. Our memories help us to function every day; our memories help us to form emotional bonds with the people we love; our memories help us continue to build our futures.

What is memory, anyway? Write a definition for memory *in your own words* here:

STOP AND THINK: What things couldn't you do without memory? (Think about specific things that memory helps you do...)

Let's get more specific. Below are types of memories (there are many categories for memories). You have 3 jobs:

1. Find others who will write what they feel are the definition for these terms. Find a different person to define the different memory types below.
2. You must write your own definitions for each term as well on another person's definition sheet. Each term you define should go on a different student worksheet, if possible.
3. Analyze the definitions you collected. Do you agree or disagree with the definition? Make changes as necessary.

Term	Definition
<p>Spontaneous Memory (Student definition)</p>	
<p><i>Do you agree with this definition? What would you change?</i></p>	
<p>Intentional Memory (Student definition)</p>	
<p><i>Do you agree with this definition? What would you change?</i></p>	

<p><u>Autobiographical Memory</u> (Student definition)</p>	
<p><i>Do you agree with this definition? What would you change?</i></p>	
<p><u>Collective Memory</u> (Student definition)</p>	
<p><i>Do you agree with this definition? What would you change?</i></p>	
<p><u>Flashbulb Memory</u> (Student definition)</p>	
<p><i>Do you agree with this definition? What would you change?</i></p>	

When everyone is done, you will review your answers as a class to see how close you were to the real definitions. After class review, write a concrete example of each type of memory on the back of this sheet.

Term	Concrete Example
<u>Spontaneous Memory</u>	
<u>Intentional Memory</u>	
<u>Autobiographical Memory</u>	
<u>Collective Memory</u>	
<u>Flashbulb Memory</u>	

FINAL QUESTION: How do you think the emotions you experience during an event affect the way you remember it?