

Write Your Selfie

Your Life Story in Pictures





Write Your Selfie!

- Leave your legacy
- Form a connection with those who will read your words.
- Leave lessons for grandchildren
- Show your grandchildren you were young once!

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Your story is the
greatest legacy that
you will leave to your
friends. It's the
longest-lasting legacy
you will leave to your
heirs.

- Steve Saint

“WHATS YOUR STORY?”

How many times have you looked through old photo albums and reminisced about what was happening around a certain picture? How many times have you wished you could share that story with your friends and family in a way they absolutely could not forget? That’s what you’ll be getting out of this mini-course.

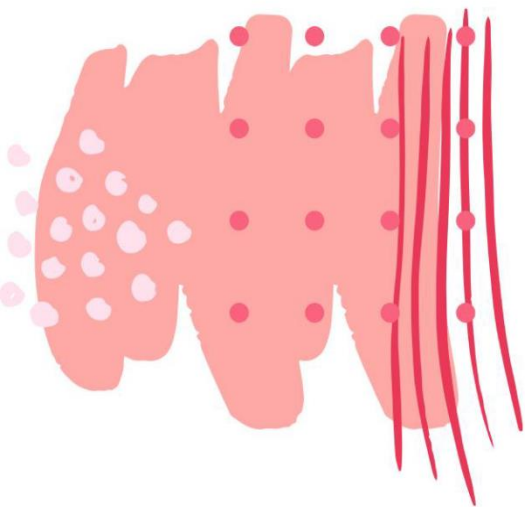
By Writing Your Selfie, you are combining all your favorite memories in the form of photos and sharing your own unique perspective with each of them. Introduce family and friends to your own unique piece of history. Don’t let your story and the story of your ancestors get lost after you’re gone.



The best part about this course is that you can move completely at your own pace! Once purchased, this course and its resources are available to you... forever. So, it doesn’t matter how long it takes for you to gather your photos. You can always come back to the course as soon as you’re ready to move on to the next step.

First Things First

- Set up a workplace that works for you.
- Schedule writing into your daily routine.
- Establish daily and weekly goals.
- Write without worrying about editing.
- Get feedback early and often.



Step 1

Gather Your Photos



Where do
you keep
your
photos?



Albums & Shoeboxes

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Photos can be digital or printed

- But they will have to all be digital to make your photobook.
- To make a printed photo digital...
 - Scan with your scanner or printer.
 - Take a picture of the photo with your phone.



GO

DIGITAL

Preserve your memories.





Scan your old photos with scanner or printer

- Do you have a scanner? Printers typically have one on top. If you're not familiar with all the electronics in your home, you may already have one without realizing it.
- If you don't already own a scanner, you can buy a scanner specifically for photos for less than \$100.



Scan your old photos with scanner or printer



- Clean the Scanner Bed
- Dust off your photos
- Scan Images
- Scan in color
- Crop and straighten

Scan photos with your Smartphone

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- The easiest and quickest method to digitize your photos is to use your smartphone's built-in camera.
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Scan photos with your Smartphone

- Hold phone steady, and make sure you have enough light.
- Snap away.
- Then upload images from your photos on your phone directly to your computer or into a cloud storage service that's compatible with your operating system.
- Works with **Android** or **iOS**



Don't know which photos to use?

- Start at the beginning and work from there.
- List out your most memorable moments.
- Use my list of 50 Memoir Prompts.



Don't have a photo of something you would like to include?

- Check online! There might be stock photos you could use for schools, work-places, skylines, etc.







CLEVELAND
Indians

The logo for the Cleveland Indians features the word "CLEVELAND" in a blue, serif, all-caps font. Below it, the word "Indians" is written in a red, cursive script font with a blue outline. The entire logo is set against a light gray rectangular background.



OHIO STATE

The Ohio State logo consists of a red octagon with a white border. Inside the octagon, the words "OHIO STATE" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a white outline. The logo is set against a white background.



Best photo-gathering practices

- Save all of your photos in ONE place.
 - I suggest making a new folder on your desktop & naming it “PHOTOBOOK.”
- NAME your photos.
 - This will make it easier when you are uploading them to your photobook platform.





Best photo-gathering practices

- Hi-Res is best!
 - No matter where your photos are coming from, make them as hi-resolution as possible.
- When taking photos from your phone, make sure the photo takes up your entire phone screen.

Don't forget your cover photo

- You will need a photo for the front of your book! So keep that in mind as you go through your photographs.



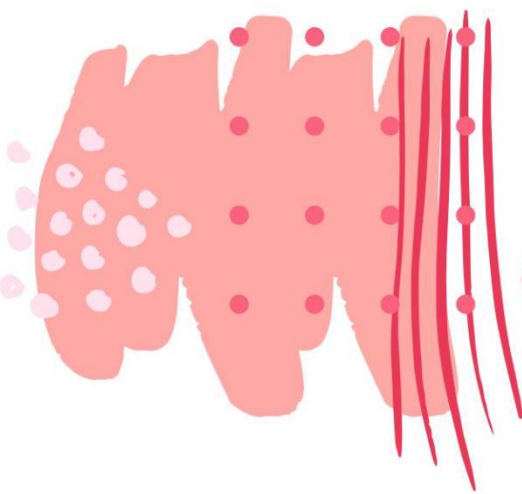
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Have your photos?

Click through Step Two!





Step 2

Research Your Ancestry



Research your Ancestry

<https://ancestry.com>

<https://myheritage.com>

<https://www.genealogybank.com>

<https://www.23andme.com>

Check with relatives.





Find out about Namesakes

- It's interesting to see who was named after relatives, deceased or not.
- Great conversation to have with children and grandchildren.

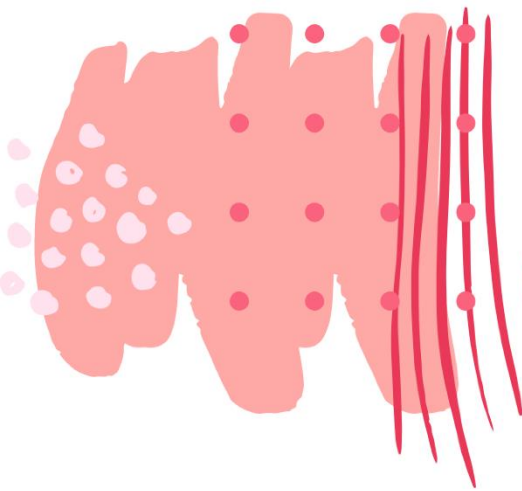




Research done?
You can always add
more later!

Click through Step Three!





Step 3

Select Your Platform



An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat on a wooden surface. The pages are white and fanned out, creating a radial pattern. A semi-transparent pink rectangular box is centered over the book, containing white text. The background is a light-colored wood grain. In the bottom right corner, there are some faint, stylized pink and white shapes, possibly part of a logo or graphic element.

WHAT PLATFORM
SHOULD I USE TO
MAKE MY PHOTOS
DIGITAL?

What are the best websites to create your book?

- Mixbook
- Snapfish
- Printique
- Amazon Prints
- Google Photos
- Chatbooks
- Shutterfly





I chose Shutterfly

○ Why?

- It's easy.
- There is almost always a discount available.
- Customer service is incredible. They offered extra discounts!



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At this point, you should have..

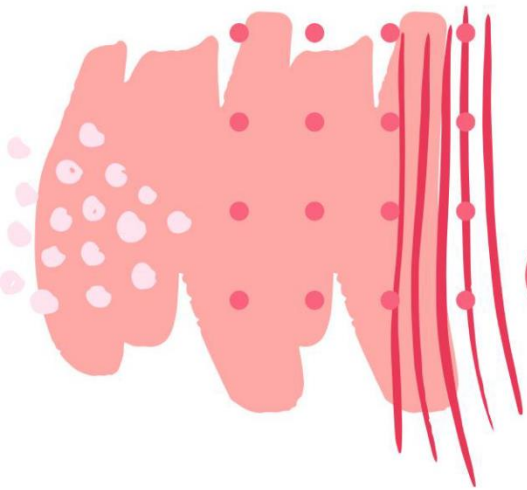
- Chosen your photos.
 - Made them all digital.
 - Chosen a platform to build your photobook.
 - Uploaded your photos to that platform & begun designing your photobook.
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Photos uploaded?
Book designed?

Click through Step Four!





Step 4

Add Your Captions

Now it's time to add caption.

- The captions tell the story behind the photo.
- Details like names, dates & ages are good but if you remember more, that's better!

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Grandma Ella and Grandpa Arthur moved to the United States from Poland in 1912. They missed the ship to the United States because Ella was pregnant and had morning sickness.

The ship they missed was the Titanic!





Notice my mom with the family car. I think it was a Plymouth. I was born in that car...couldn't quite make it to the hospital.





My family had a boat on Lake Erie. We named the boat DR SCACL, (David, Rebecca, my parents, and siblings Sharon, Connie, Arthur, Chuckie, and Louie). When the sixth child was born, it was a no-brainer. We all named him “Eddie” to keep the name of the boat, which became DR SCACLE!



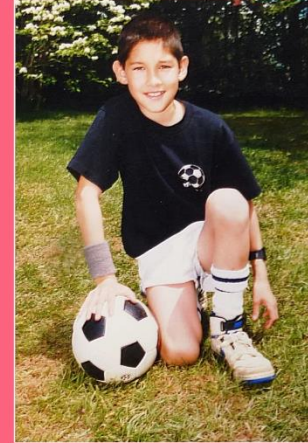


This is me at Senior Prom and the Military Ball. We didn't have much money, so I wore the same dress to many functions in my senior year. Luckily, I loved that dress!



My three kids.





Oldest son Matt became a magician at age 6. His first show was for his brother's birthday. "The Amazing Matthew" then performed all over Maryland.



Son Danny loved music and was the first guitar player in the Quince Orchard HS band.

Danny now has three boys who take after him.





Here is daughter Ellie, full of vitality!

What are YOUR favorite photos?

*Add CAPTIONS so future generations
will know the story behind the pictures.*

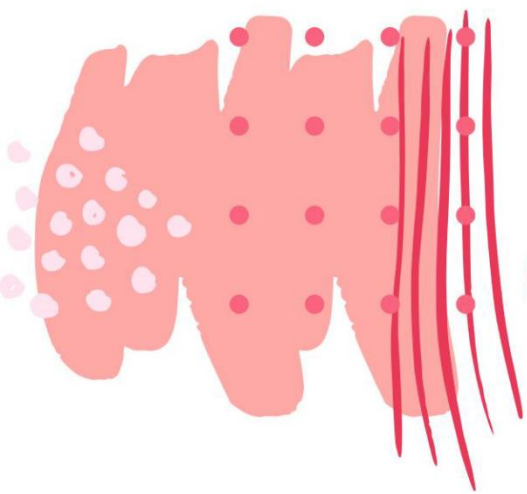




Are all your photos
captioned?

Click through Step Five!





Step 5

Dedicate Your Book



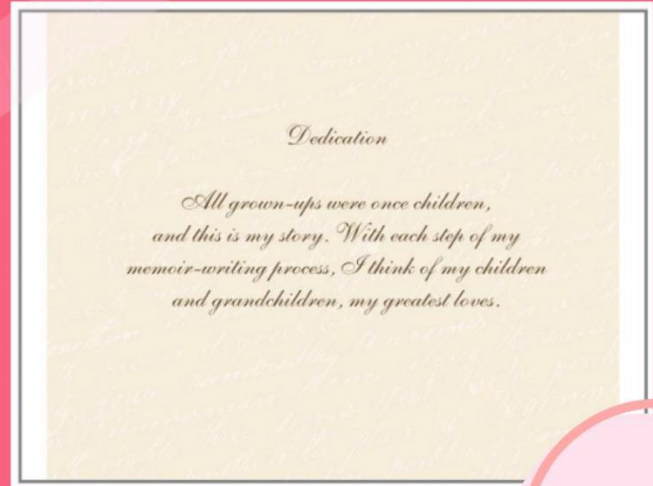
DEDICATE YOUR
PHOTOBOOK

to your family.



Who is the book for?

- You may want to dedicate the book to your...
 - Children
 - Grandchildren
 - Future generations
- To the right is my Dedication page





Have your book
dedicated?

Click through the Sixth (& Final) Step!





Step 6

Publish Your Book





Your photobook should have

- Your life story in the form of photos.
- Captions with each photo, or group of photos.
- A cover photo.
- A dedication.





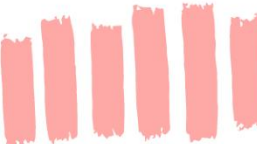
Now what?

Distribute Your Memoir!





Six Ways to Distribute Your Memoir

- Distribute in book format such as Shutterfly.
 - Distribute in book format using your home printer.
 - Distribute in book format using a copy shop or printing service.
 - Save and print in PDF format and distribute by e-mail or on a cloud drive.
 - Save and distribute on a compact disk.
 - Distribute on a memory stick.
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Enjoy!



My Photohook





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