**Autobiography Reading Assignment**

1. Choose one of the following autobiographies, and read it before
   * *Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir*  by Eloise Greenfield
   * *A Girl from Yamhill: A Memoir* by Beverly Cleary
   * *How I Came to Be a Writer* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
   * *The Lost Garden* by Lawrence Yep
   * *The Moon and I* by Betsy Byars
   * *Boy* by Ronald Dahl
   * *My Year* by Ronald Dahl
   * *The Abracradabra Kid* by Sid Fleischman
2. Reflect on the following questions as you read. Answer them in a typed journal (See the AIG website for a created word document). You may also use sticky notes to mark interesting items of quotations.
   * How did reading and writing help the author grow?
   * What personal characteristics and events in the author’s life contributed to his or her becoming a writer?
   * How did the author’s writing career fit into the lifestyle and expectations of his or her family?
   * How did the author’s writing career change the lifestyle and expectations of his or her family?
   * What personal qualities of the author do you admire the most?
   * How did family traditions or the author’s community affect his or her life?
   * How did the author’s culture (including family traditions, customs and expectations of the community, religion, and ethnic heritage) affect his or her writing?
   * How does a memoir differ from an autobiography?
   * List at least three questions you had while reading this book.