

# Neighborhooding

“Most of the material a writer works with is acquired before the age of fifteen.”

-Willa Cather

It is time to relive your childhood memories since they are integral to writing essays, according to the author Willa Cather. One way to help you remember your memories is to think about your neighborhood. Draw a map of your “hood” with at least ten icons labeled with a One Sentence Summary of the memory.

Make sure your map is colored, preferably with colored pencils since they look neater than markers. We will be putting these in our portfolios for future use.

If you are new to your neighborhood or have moved around a lot, pick your last neighborhood or the neighborhood with the most memories. If you spend summers with Grandma, draw her neighborhood. Do what you need to do to make this work for you. You can even reconfigure your neighborhood and just put the important places. This is your neighborhood – make it your own and make it “pretty”!

Rubric:

10 Items? \_\_\_\_/40

1 Sentence summary for each item (at least)? \_\_\_\_/40

Colored? \_\_\_\_/10

Pretty/Neat? \_\_\_\_/10

Grade: \_\_\_\_/100