# HEAR ME ROAR







#### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!



- You have something to say.
- Discover what it is.
- Then express yourself.
- Blog, yelp, chat, tweet, create...
- Say it loud...say it proud.
- In this assignment, you will share your story using a creative means of expression. For more details, keep reading!



### SELECT ONE MEANS OF EXPRESSION

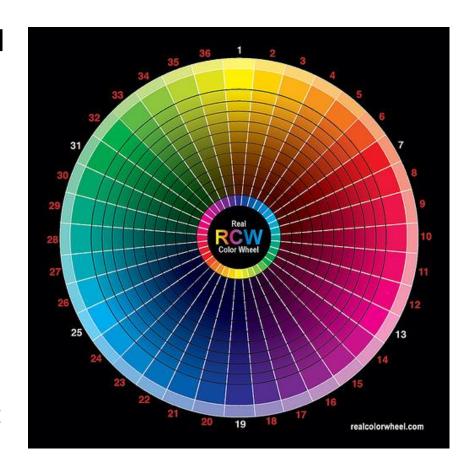
- **A blog:** At least five 100-word entries; submit the link to your instructor and invite your classmates.
- A humorous monologue/essay: You may video or audio record this [minimum three minutes] or submit it as a 500 to 750-word essay.
- An emotional personal narrative: Submit it as a 500 to 750-word essay.
- A series of poems: The poems must be first person, tied together thematically, and expressing real experiences. Review the poetry unit to avoid writing poems devoid of imagery and substance.
- A letter: Choose someone to address the letter to, your birth mother, the grandmother you never met, your future self, your future children, then write 500 to 700 words.
- A journal: At least five 100-word entries. Avoid the temptation to chronicle you daily life unless your daily life is wildly unique and exciting. You must have a focus.





### GET ORGANIZED

- 1. Decide upon a focus, central idea, theme, message, or unifying concept that tells readers about you.
- 2. Decide upon an organizational pattern for your story (choose one):
  - Linear plot development
  - Spiral plot development
  - Parallel plot development
  - Pyramid plot development





## START WRITING!

- 1. Using your means of expression, write your story (minimum 500 words).
- 2. Revise to add description, figurative language, dialogue.
- 3. Revise for unity.
- 4. Edit carefully for punctuation, spelling, capitalization, grammar, and usage.
- 5. Submit your story to the Writing Assignment: Hear Me Roar assignment link for a grade.
- Want to see a sample? Check out the next page...





#### Hello Class!

I currently live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but I have lived and traveled all across the United States.

Some of my favorite places to visit in the US are: New York City, Portland, Oregon (so green there!), and Kansas City, MO (a beautiful city- tons of fountains and places to walk).

My favorite place to visit outside of the US is Italy. My Italian is terrible; I speak it with a French accent and my vocabulary is primarily food-related. My husband is nearly fluent though, so I have a good translator! I love that Italians shut down for the afternoon, and that no one will rush you out of a café or restaurant. I also love their cappuccino, the beautiful views, and the art and architecture. Cinque Terra is possibly the prettiest place I have ever been. I do not love Italy's transportation system though, and I find the fact that motorini must MISS a pedestrian by at least a meter to be just one example of Italy's disturbing traffic laws.

Despite all of this city-living and city-visiting, I am a true country gal at heart. I enjoy gardening, hiking, camping, and the great outdoors. I have completed a marathon and many shorter races, and I love to run outside. I hate the treadmill though- it makes me feel like a hamster on a wheel! I also play kickball, competitively. I belong to a league and take it seriously!

I make most of my family's food from scratch: homemade doughnuts, homemade bread, and homemade gelato. I think it's healthier that way, and it certainly tastes better! I have two adorable little children who are lots of fun and lots of work. They make me smile every single day.

It has been great reading all of your "Hear Me Roar" assignments! I really enjoy getting to know my students. Best Wishes in your future endeavors!

Mrs. P

