Questions About *Memoir*

Reading and Writing the Short Story
Autumn – Mr. Bye

Memoir: _____ Author: _____

1. Why did the author write this memoir? What is its primary purpose?

2. How does the author **organize** or **shape** the memoir? What are the **unifying** rhetorical devices or strategies?

3. What are the central **facts**, **images**, and **events** that are essential to this memoir?

4. Where does **imagination** come into play? What do you think the author "made up" to intensify the **emotional truth** of the piece?

5. What is the most powerful and successful technique used in this memoir? Why?

6. What is the least successful or even detrimental component of this memoir? How would you fix the problem?

7. What additional questions do you have about this memoir that you think we should address in our class discussion?

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    b.

    c.

    d.