

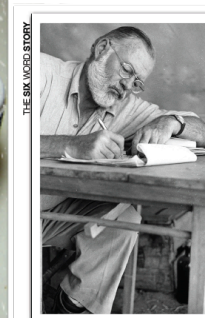


6 Word Stories

The HEMINGWAY CHALLENGE



Ernest Hemingway was an American Nobel Prize-winning author and was one of the most celebrated and influential writers of the twentieth century.



It's Your Life! Tell about it in six words or less.

"Brought it to a boil, often."
Celebrity Chef Mario Batali
"Well, I thought it was funny."
Comedian Stephen Colbert
"Failed SAT. Lost scholarship. Invented rocket."
Astronaut
Star Trek's Captain Kirk



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So, the story goes like this...

Hemingway reached legendary status by saying a lot with just a few words. This talent was challenged when he took a bar bet to write a short story in only six words. His story: **For Sale: Baby Shoes, Never Worn**. Think about it... Needless to say, he won the bet. It has been said that Hemingway, himself, regarded his shortest story as his greatest work. Thus, the birth of the iconic six word story- Hemingway style. Now it's your turn. Choose your words wisely!

Word Choice



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Trait – Word Choice

Title: Hemingway Challenge—6 Word Stories

Materials:

- Student handout with instructions
- paper/pencil
- website links for students to find the perfect visual for their six word story
- photo editing website links (optional)

Teacher Steps:

1. Tell students the background of Hemingway and how he took the dare to write a story in six words or less.
2. Students will then write a six word story about their life or in life in general.
3. Students can use the websites provided to find an image that will help their words come to life. Remind students that images must be public domain, creative commons, or free of copyright. Students make take their own pictures.
4. Students will write their six word stories on their picture. This can be done with a print out/posterboard or it can be done using technology.

Technology Enhancement: Students can use online photo editing tools and can “publish” their story on Blackboard, class website, or to an ePortfolio.

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