Memories Matter: *The Giver* and Descriptive Writing Memoirs

Teacher Notes

In this lesson from Read Write Think, students explore the importance of memory and history in Lois Lowry’s *The Giver*. They then research a self-selected date on the American Memory Website, analyze descriptive writing in *The Giver,* and use multiple sources of information (their own memory, a personal interview, and a photograph) to create their own personal descriptive writing.

This lesson should begin after reading chapter 9 of *The Giver.*

The lesson plan, all handouts, and the rubric can be found at <http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/memories-matter-giver-descriptive-13.html?tab=1#tabs>. Please note: some days of the lesson require students to have Internet-connected devices.