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## Object Memories Answer Key

Teachers should look for:

- Identification of a real object and a true connected memory.
- Clear description of events tied to the memory.
- Feelings and reflections that show why this memory matters.
- A beginning, middle, and end appropriate for Grades 3 to 8.
- Complete sentences and logical flow.

### Teacher's Guide

- Help students realize that ordinary objects often hold **extraordinary memories** when we think deeper about them.
- Encourage them to observe their chosen object closely before writing. Ask: What does it look like? Where did it come from? Why do I keep it?
- Differentiate by letting students talk through their memory with a partner first or sketch the object and moment before writing.
- Boost engagement by allowing students to briefly share their object and a hint of the memory, creating curiosity in the room.
- Extend by asking students to write a second paragraph exploring how the memory shaped who they are today or what they learned from that moment.