**Writing Phase Autobiographies**

**Revising** for Style

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**Read for positive connotation.**

Read the pairs of sentences that follow. The underlined words have different connotations. Choose the sentence with the word that has a “positive” connotation.

1. a. The models in the catalog are slender.

b. The models in the catalog are skinny.

2. a. Uncle Theo is stingy with his money.

b. Uncle Theo is thrifty with his money.

3. a. My brother is a picky eater.

b. My brother is a careful eater.

4. a. The speech was unending.

b. The speech was long.

**Read for negative connotation.**

Choose the sentence with the word that has a “negative” connotation.

1. a. Nick’s answer was blunt.

b. Nick’s answer was honest.

2. a. Janice is steady in her beliefs.

b. Janice is rigid in her beliefs.

3. a. Clancy is determined.

b. Clancy is stubborn.

4. a. Toby has a unique personality.

b. Toby has an odd personality.

**Read for connotation.**

Closely read your draft, checking your words for connotation. Replace any words that use improper connotation.