

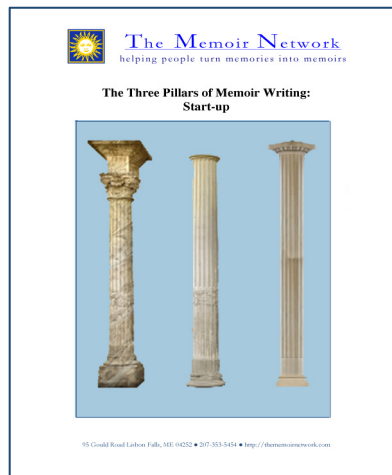


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## **The Three Pillars of Memoir Writing: Start-up**

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## **2. Start writing a memoir from anywhere you want to start.**

Many writers think they have to start from where they presume the story will begin or ought to begin. This is not however the best approach. The reader's experience of beginning to read your memoir on page 1 and your experience of beginning to write your memoir are almost always not the same.

Start writing your story from whatever memory most impels you to write. (We write best, after all, when we are viscerally interested in what we are writing about.) Where that story that now most interests you will fit into the whole of your memoir may become apparent only later. Do not worry about that now. Your first written piece may very well fit in at the beginning of your memoir, and then it might fit in better at page 115. The placement of a story into the whole of the text is a task for later. To each period of your writing there is an appropriate task. Writing a story goes before finding the place of a story in the whole of your memoir.

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