**Questions to Ask Yourself About a Significant Person in Your Life**

* How does this person move through life- in a frenzy of activity? Hesitantly? Walking almost on his toes? Sitting straight upright as if there is a wall right behind her?
* What are some words or phrases that this person repeats over and over? Why do you think he or she says those particular things often?
* If you could characterize this person’s way of dressing, what would you call it: all business; whatever T-shirt was next in the pile of clean clothes; a flair for the dramatic; homemade hippie clothes; always pale pastels?
* Write a scene or two in which you and this person talk about something. Try to capture the rhythms of his or her speech, the words he or she would most likely say in that type of discussion.
* If you live with this person, spy on him or her with your notebook in hand. Notice little details such as how your dad always crosses his legs at the knee, not with an ankle up on his thigh like other guys seem to, or how your mom chews the very end of her hair when she’s reading the newspaper at night. You remember when she hugged you before bed, you could feel a bit of wetness on your cheek that must have come from those strands of hair.
* Write about your very first memory of this person, even if it’s simply a feeling or a splash of color.
* Write about what this person means to your life. How do you think you have been shaped by this person? How are you similar to this person and how are you different?