Modeled Writing Paragraph: Use the following examples to make a statement of how **YOU** were raised, while trying to mimic a similar flow/style and TONE. Be specific, creative and highlight **ONE** idea from your childhood that you can break down.

Some kids have dads who raise them to be golfers. Others, quarterbacks. Still others to play tennis or soccer or baseball. I was raised to cage ﬁght. Ever since I was three, my dad schooled me to brawl. Taught me to grapple, box,ground-and-pound, strike while standing up, and submitting opponent while lying down. From Sambo to Brazilianjiu-jitsu, Greco-Roman wrestling to Aikido, joint locks to pin holds to pressure-point manipulation, I’m an assassin in the art of hurt. My father wants me to do more than just defeat my opponents; he wants me to destroy.

Some kids have stay at home moms. Others go to a day cay full of other children. Mange Mange are words that will forever remind me of growing up at NoNa’s house. Strait sugar out of the bowl. Fifty-two questions of what I want to eat next. The sting of the back of NoNo’s hand on my cheek. I used you scream, “Stop talking like that to me!” They taught me the importance of family and that food brings people together and should be celebrated. From picking carrots and tomatoes in the garden to sleeping on the carpet floor, I’m the first and favorite and always will be. Three kisses on the cheek is the standard; dreams that my children will one day meet her and see the seas of colors, a crumbling home on a mountainside that made raindrops gather in my eyes.

My parents wanted me to love things they loved and hate the things they hated. Cabin life and the great outdoors versus hating to loose and hating the people that don’t wave you in when you’re trying ~~to cross~~ navigate your way across Pembina Hwy. I think that this taught me or rather helped me to become the person that I am today, but it also made me into the person that questions everything and wants to be in constant control of my surroundings. I must always; get to everything on time or be waiting at the door, make list a mile long, and call people out when I think they are saying or doing something stupid. My parents wanted me to think like them, but instead I try to take the good and change the bad as often as possible and with every ounce of my being.