Revised Personal Memoir Organizer Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Statement** (needs to capture the reader’s attention)

*Why are you telling the reader about this event? What is special about the event that makes it worth telling?* **In the space below, write out how you are going to explain this to your reader:**

*What about your story can other people relate to? What about your story could happen to someone else?* **In the space below write out those events or ideas. Be specific.**

**Closing Statement** (You invite your reader to think about your message – last sentence could be posed as a question.)

What is the message (“moral to the story”) that you want the reader to understand when they are done reading your memoir? **Write this out in the space below**. Include this statement in your closing.