

A m n e s i A (#)

Step 1: As usual, copy the definitions.

There are 2 types of amnesia:

Anterograde amnesia: an inability to form new memories

Retrograde amnesia: an inability to retrieve information from one's past



Step 2: Writing a story

Directions:

For this assignment you will write a creative story with ONE other person that incorporates **one** of the terms above. Minimum of 250 words, include dialogue between a minimum of 2 people. *Make sure you state specifically which form of amnesia your character has.

Below is an example:

Jimmy had **anterograde amnesia** resulting from brain damage. Jimmie had no memories--thus, no sense of elapsed time--beyond his injury in 1945.

When Jimmy gave his age as 19, his doctor set a mirror before him: "Look in the mirror and tell me what you see. Is that a 19 year old looking out from the mirror?"

Jimmy turned ashen, gripped the chair, cursed, then became frantic: "What's going on? What's happened to me? Is this a nightmare? Am I crazy? Is this a joke?" When his attention was diverted to some children playing baseball, his panic ended, the dreadful mirror forgotten.

The doctor showed Jimmy a photo from *National Geographic*. "What is this?" he asked.

"It's the Moon" Jimmy replied.

"No, it's not," Sacks answered. "It's a picture of the Earth taken from the Moon."

"Doc, you're kidding? Someone would've had to get a camera up there!"

"Naturally."

"Hell! You're joking--how the hell would you do that?" Jimmy's wonder was that of a bright young man from nearly 70 years ago reacting with amazement to his travel back to the future.