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English 102: Inquiry into Memory.

In this class, we will dig deeply into the topic of memory. We will look at how it works, how and when it can fail us, and what would happen if we could erase bad memories. In order to do this, we will read many different types of texts and watch three movies. Readings will vary from psychology to both fiction and non-fiction. Some of our readings will be: excerpts from Sigmund Freud, George Orwell, the Biblical gospels, and witness testimony in court cases. We will read longer works also, such as Brian Friel's play *Faith Healer*, and Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. The movies will be *Rashomon*, *Memento*, and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. We will write three papers (this is, after all, an English class), and they will all involve thinking and researching about memory.