ODDS AND ENDS...

Preparation:
Gather a collection of 5-10 odds and ends, placing them into a brown paper bag where you cannot see what is inside. Inside the bag you may have objects like a marble, photograph, ticket stub, leaf, or feather. Don't put anything in the bags that is of personal value of you. Make sure you don't write anything on the bag, either, as it will not be staying with you.

Bring the bag into class the day it is due. Make sure your bag winds up in the hands of someone else. Now you are receiving another bag. The bag you have received stores a collection of treasures left behind by someone. Your task is to write a creative writing piece that tells about the "character" who gathered the objects and why the objects in the bag mean so much to that person. Do the objects have a connection to one another? Why has the character saved the objects? What do they tell you about him or her? What is the age of the character? Has he or she had them for a long time? Were they all collected at the same time in the person's life? Write a tale from these treasures that your "character" has left behind.

REMEMBER: When you are done, make sure you get your original bag back and so does the person who gave you his or her bag.

Write your description of the "odds and ends" in here.

Use the back of this paper, if necessary.