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**Model of Paragraph Identifying Genre of Passage**

**Passage to Identify**

From *Hello, My Name is \_\_\_\_\_* by Jason Kim

I spent the next decade wanting nothing more than to look like a Larry Lorberbaum or a Garrett Kennedy. I still vividly remember my first time at recess, a confusing experience for several reasons, in large part because hanging off monkey bars and making each other cry during dodgeball were not educationally sanctioned activities in Asia. What was so fun about waiting in line, running up the steps, and going down a tiny slide over and over again? What was the value in sprinting after your classmate like a person with rabies, screaming, “TAG!”

Why didn't anyone look, sound, or act like me?

I spent most days at recess sitting alone on the sidelines, eating the special snack that my mother had packed. The snack, a rice cake or a piece of candy from Korea, was always accompanied by a note, usually a joke, and sometimes embellished with a drawing, which often looked like an abstract painting when it was meant to be a sketch of our beloved deceased poodle.

A month had passed when a teacher finally tapped me on the shoulder.

“Are you OK, sweetie?”

Before I could answer, another teacher rang out, “Maybe he likes sitting alone. Maybe that's the Asian way.”

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*Hello, My name is \_\_\_\_\_*, by Jason Kim, is a memoir. **Memoirs, like autobiographies, are written by a person telling the story of his or her life. The author Jason Kim indicates he is telling the story of his own life. Mr. Kim states, “I spent the last decade wanting nothing more than to . . .” The use of the pronoun I indicates the story is about him. Stating *the thought that hounds him for ten years* shows he is relating events in his own life. As memoirs do, the passage emphasizes emotion rather than events, as an autobiography would. Mr. Kim states, “Why didn't anyone look, sound, or act like me?” This focuses the reader on the *stress* Mr. Kim felt about being different than everyone else. He expresses his *confusion* about the ways of his American classmates, saying “I still vividly remember my first time at recess, a confusing experience for several reasons, in large part because hanging off monkey bars and making each other cry during dodgeball were not educationally sanctioned activities in Asia.” Memoirs allow a reader to identify with the thoughts and emotions of another individual, not just learn facts about the life of a well known person.**

**Indent**

- **Topic sentence - Introduce title Author and Genre**
  - **Supporting Idea - Reason passage fits this genre**
    - **Developing Detail - Evidence from passage and Explanation of how evidence proves this reason**
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- **Concluding Thought - Does not repeat**