

In Six Words...

Can you tell your story in six words?

The story of six words is said to have started with a challenge to Ernest Hemingway to write a story in only six words. He accepted by writing, "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." The mantle of the six-word story was then taken up by Larry Smith, founder of SMITH Magazine, in 2006, when he gave the six-word novel a personal twist by asking his community to describe their lives in exactly six words. Since then, the Six-Word Memoir project has become a global phenomenon.

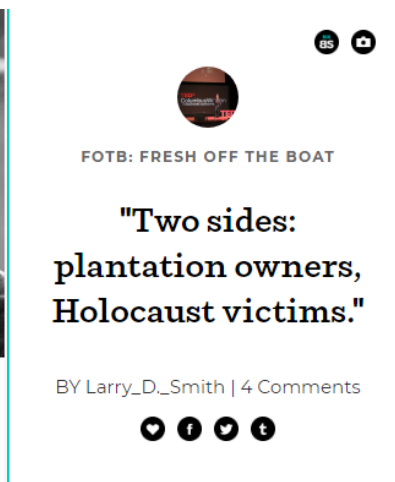
In support of LMU's Anti-Racism Project, "In Six Words" will get to the heart of our community's struggles and fight against the unjust and unequal experiences that plague our society, in hopes of sparking conversation, understanding, and empathy, as well as further igniting our desire to become better angels.

Examples of six-word stories:



M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN

My accent has become my voice.



IAN CHEN

Designed in Asia,
assembled in
California.

In honor of Black History Month, we invite our Black faculty, staff, and student community to share their six-word story around the Black experience. For allies, please feel free to submit your six-word story on any of the following topics as they pertain to your Black colleagues and friends: racism, fighting racism, allyship, xenophobia, hope, sexism, pride, feminism, homophobia, the immigrant experience, religious persecution, religious freedom, unity.

What will your six-word story be? **Submit it [here](#).**