In Collecting Your Writing Territories, Consider . . .

memories: early, earlier, and recent
obsessions
idiosyncrasies
problems
dreams
itches
understandings
confusions
passions
sorrows
risks
accomplishments
fears
worries
fantasies
family, close and distant
friends, now and then
fads

favorites, now and then
pets, now and then
teachers, now and then
places: school, camp, trips, times away with friends and relatives
hobbies
sports
games
music
books
poems
songs
movies
writers and artists
food
pet peeves
beloved things—objects and possessions—now and then
all the loves of your life