A piece of music/object:

A bucket and roll of twine and hot dogs

What is the event or memory:

Crabbing with my brother and cousin at our beach house

What is the setting for this event or memory:

The beach & pier

When does it take place:

In elementary school

Who is present:

Patrick, Zach

What sensations are part of it:

The hot rough stone under our feet, the beaming sun, smell of the hotdogs and saltwater, very bright and see the expanse of the ocean with few boats in the distance.

What happens:

We sat at the end of the pier with twine and a bucket full of water and crabs. We tie a hotdog chunk to the end of the string and lower it down into the water. We feel a tug and carefully pull up the string, seeing a crab latched onto the hotdog chunk, careful not to drop the crab. We grab the crab and place it in the bucket, along with the other crabs.

Why is it important?

This event cemented my relationship with my brother and cousin, who are probably the most significant figures in my life behind my parents. We did everything together and this is a core piece of our childhoods.

Potential opening line:

Be very dramatic about catching the huge, armored creature coming out of the depths on the piece of twine. (The ultimate life form) (carcinization)

As me and my family prepare ourselves on the edge of the earth, we lower our line into the dark abyss. We feel a tug and thus begins our battle with the ultimate marine life form.