

# PERSONAL NARRATIVE

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- ▣ To write a personal narrative all you need to do is write about yourself.
- ▣ You write about your experiences in great detail.
  - Basically you are telling the reader about an event in your life.

- ▣ When you are writing a personal narrative it is your job to engage readers.
- ▣ You need to have:
  - Lots of details
  - Dialogue
  - Action
    - ▣ You want your readers to feel the same way you felt when you were experiencing the event.

- ▣ What your personal narrative needs is a beginning, middle, and end.
  - The beginning is going to be where you are going to grab your readers attention, and make them want to read what you have written.
  - The middle is where you will actually tell the story. When writing the story make sure you are using a lot of imagery.
  - The end is your conclusion this is where you will explain how the event has shaped you into the person you are today.

## ▣ Imagery

- Is the use of figurative language to represent objects, actions and ideas in such a way that it appeals to our physical senses.
  - ▣ It was dark and dim in the forest. – The words “dark” and “dim” are visual images.
  - ▣ The children were screaming and shouting in the fields. - “Screaming” and “shouting” appeals to our sense of hearing or auditory sense.
  - ▣ He whiffed the aroma of brewed coffee. – “whiff” and “aroma” evoke our sense of smell or olfactory sense.
  - ▣ The girl ran her hands on a soft satin fabric. – The idea of touch in this example appeal to our sense of touch or tactile sense.
  - ▣ The fresh and juicy orange are very cold and sweet. – “fresh and juicy” and “cold and sweet” when associated with oranges have an effect on our sense of taste or gustatory sense.

# Beginning

- ▣ The beginning is where you introduce your topic, and it is where you pull your readers in.
- ▣ To begin your narrative you can either start the story right away , or you can imply what the narrative is about.
- ▣ If you imply the meaning of the story at the beginning you will need to state it later on.

# Middle

- ▣ The middle of your narrative is where the majority of your action takes place.
- ▣ The middle is the heart of your story.
- ▣ This is where you incorporate the most detail of the event.

# Middle Continued

- ▣ If you are not sure how to write the middle then you should make a list of the events.
- ▣ This list should be in chronological order.
- ▣ After you have made your list of events, you will need to go back through and add as many details as you can.



# The End

- ▣ The end of your personal narrative is where you tie up all of your loose ends.
- ▣ At the end of your paper your readers should know what happened and what the result was.
- ▣ You should also explain the effect that the event had on you.

# What are you going to write about

- ▣ How do you pick an event in your life to write about?
- ▣ Think about all of the events that have happened in your life, and choose the one that made the greatest impacted.
- ▣ Think about a event that changed your life, and helped to make you who you are.

- ▣ This is a personal narrative you are the expert about the events that happened in your life.
- ▣ Your job is to show your readers what happened with your words