

English 10A – Unit 5 Personal Narrative Checklist

Portfolio Requirements (24 points)

Write a story of 2-3 pages using your own experiences, reflections, or observations. It should be on a topic of personal significance.

1. Heading and Title (2 points)

- MLA HEADING
 - o NAME
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- UNIQUE TITLE, CENTERED

2. Exposition (2 points)

- One paragraph that captures the reader’s attention and describes the beginning of the sequence of events
- Introduces the problem or conflict, or viewpoint held at the start of the story

3. Rising Action and Climax (12 points)

- Clear sequence of events (has rising action and climax)
- Well-developed major character and at least one minor character
- Expresses thoughts and feelings
- Rich details to help the reader visualize the experience

4. Falling Action and Resolution (2 points)

- One paragraph that describes the falling action/resolution of the events; powerful ending

5. Conventions and Techniques (6 points)

- Punctuation, usage and spelling are correct
- MLA 8 format: Double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font
- Natural, engaging, personal voice
- Vivid word choice
- Varied sentences
- Flows smoothly, with effective transitions.