

What is a personal narrative?

- A story from your life
- It is a special memory or an experience you will never forget
- Focuses on a small moment from your life
- Tell the story from your point of view ("I")
- It is a true story
- The story should have impacted your life in some way.
- What are some things I can write about
 - A trip
 - A sporting event you participated in or watched
 - A special birthday, holiday, occasion
 - Getting a new dog
 - The arrival of a new sibling
 - Meeting a friend for the first time
 - Starting a new school
- You need to remember details about the story.
- Your story must have a beginning, middle and end
- Your characters, setting and plot need to be well-developed

Requirements

- **At least 2 pages**
- **MLA format**
 - **Heading**
 - **12pt font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced**
 - **Unique and centered title**

How Will You Be Graded...

1. MLA format and Title (2 points)

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