

Personal Narrative:

- You share your experience with others.
- You describe something you've learned or an incident that changed you.
- The sequence of the events tells your story based on your real experiences, not ones you imagine.

Read the ways to make your personal narrative effective:

Introduction:

- Begin with a hook that grabs the reader's attention and sets the scene.
- It might be a brief description of what you learned or what led to the important learning experience.
- Use the first person point of view.

Body Paragraphs:

- Write about your experience in a logical order: beginning, middle, and ending.
- Use transitions, such as first, next, and then, to indicate sequence and shift in time.
- Each paragraph should include descriptive details—thoughts, feelings, and dialogue—that help the reader see the experience from your perspective.
 - Use those details and language to show, rather than tell, the reader.

Conclusion:

Reflect on the experience or event and tell what you learned or how you've changed.

Entry 4: An Extreme Emotion

- Consider a time when you felt an extreme emotion (e.g., particularly disempowered or helpless, elated, shocked, saddened, anxious).
- Consider what you learned about yourself, or life in general, from this event.
- Some topics may be too personal to share.
 - **Write about an experience you feel comfortable sharing with writing partners.**

Your homework over break:

- Write two entries (**5 & 6**) into your writer's notebook:
 - They must be a **page long**.
 - They can be about anything, only one can be a list. One must tell a personal story about anything that has happened in your life.