

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

WRITE A NARRATIVE ABOUT A TIME when you learned something about yourself, learned something about someone else, or learned something about the world as a whole.

- ✓ Two pages typed; four pages handwritten
- ✓ This story should be about one incident.
- ✓ Have two to three characters.
- ✓ A clear beginning, middle, and end that develops the experience of the main character (you).
- ✓ Includes vivid description of setting and characterization; including dialogue and concrete sentences
- ✓ Must have a clear theme. *Remember a theme is not a topic but a lesson.*

You will need to turn in your rough draft, peer edits, writer's notebook, and final draft.

Personal Narrative Final Draft	Characteristics Evident	Possible Points	Score
Narrative Focus	Narrative focuses on one event or experience that is significant in the writer's life and reveals the writer's feelings or thoughts about the experience. Story is told in first person. Has a clear theme.	10	
Development of Character's Internal Story	Character's thoughts clearly reveal what's going on inside the character's head. Easy to see how the main character's thoughts impact the action.	10	
Development of Character's External Story	Character's description reveals physical characteristics, behaviors/mannerisms, and dialogue to paint a clear picture of the characters in the reader's head so the characters come to life for the reader.	10	
Structure	Introduction- Begin with an attention-grabbing hook. Set the scene. Tell how your experience began. Body Paragraphs- Describe the order of events. Build to the point where you realize the change. Use transitions. Conclusion- Reflect on what you learned or how you changed as a result of the experience or event.	10	
Formatting of Dialogue and Mechanics	Complete sentences; concrete sentences Free of grammatical errors, correct punctuation Properly formatted: Each paragraph indented	5	
Cover	Creative cover: Symbol, drawing, picture, etc. Title of story Author	5	
Personal Narrative Final Draft Total	Two pages: Typed; Four pages: Handwritten		/50
Rough Draft & Peer Edits	Rough draft with clear edits. Peer edits	20	/20
Writer's Notebook	All entries complete and clearly laid out.	100	

Writer's Notebook: Due Friday, **March 23rd 2018**

Rough draft, peer edits, and final draft: Due by **Friday April 13th 2018**