

Developing a Narrow, Clearly Defined Focus for Personal Narratives: Three Prewriting Graphic Organizers

Brainstorming Chart for Personal Narratives

List ideas based on your own experiences.

Special Places, Trips, or Vacations	Trials and Tribulations	First Time/Day
Triumphs/Proud Moments	Friendships	Family Traditions
Growing Up	Mistakes	Other Ideas

Narrowing the Focus of an Idea

Brainstorming Idea. *Select one brainstorming idea that is really important to you.*

List and Choose. *List specific things that you remember about this experience. Then read over your ideas. Pick one memory and place a check mark in the box before it.*

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