

Drafting

Title: _____
Let your title be specific and creative. “My Personal Narrative” or a label like, “The Day My Dog Died” **should be avoided**. Use your title as a space to peak the reader’s interest or reveal something significant about your narrative.

Opening: Paragraph 1

You have so many choices when opening a personal narrative! You could open with dialogue, a flashback, a description of the setting, a personal reflection, sound, or an idea of your own. Just be sure that everything in your opening connects to the main event of your narrative and its significance. It needs to grab the reader’s attention.

“The Story” Body Paragraphs 2-4

Write your body on your own paper by following the story map on the previous page. Usually, each box will also be a new paragraph. Be sure to include transition words

Conclusion/Reflection Paragraph 5

In addition to telling us how the event ended, a conclusion includes some further personal reflection. Why did you decide to write about this event? How is important to who you are

today? Be careful of the tendency to tell us how *everything* ends. Readers don't expect a fairy tale ending or for all loose ends to be tied up. Just tell the reader the truth and include some reflection - you'll write an incredible personal narrative!

You should also answer these kinds of questions for your reader:

- What did I learn in that moment?
- What was I thinking?
- What did I want to happen?
- What did I wish I could change?
- How will this change my future?
- What did I learn about myself?
- How did I impact someone else?

Conclusion:
