

Personal Narrative Writing Assignment

For this assignment, you will write a story about something that has happened to you using one of the topics generated from the stories we read or another topic of your choosing (**Please check with Ms. Garrett**)

Narrative Criteria: Short story elements of plot, setting and characters must be included as well as these narrative elements:

_____ **1. Dialogue:** Use your characters' words, pacing, and language. - Grandmothers and 7-year-olds use different words, longer or shorter sentences. Make sure your characters sound real. Look at the examples to see how to format quotes in your narrative.

_____ **2. Character Description:** Make your characters come to life.

_____ **3. Setting Description:** Give sensory details—sights, smells, sounds.

Honors' Challenge: * **Theme**-What is the point of your story? What did you learn from this experience? You might want to include this in a paragraph of reflection after the story is complete to show what you learned.

Your paper will be graded using the writing scoring guide rubric for Ideas, Organization, and Conventions. Your paper will be worth 100 points.

Follow these steps to get to your best draft:

1. Refer to the list of topics we generated from the stories we read.
2. Share out your top 3 potential stories with a partner
3. Plot out your own narrative
4. Write your narrative including the required elements.
5. Rewrite using information from mini-lessons on dialogue formatting and strong verbs, and kinds of sentences.
7. Edit your paper for conventions errors.
8. Make sure you submit your paper via Canvas.