

Hour: _____

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Personal Short Story Outline for your [Graphic Memoir](#)

- Your personal story must follow a traditional narrative arc with a **clear beginning, middle, and end**.
- To ground your memoir in reality, you must include **real events** and/or **specific references to people and places** that your reader can identify to **connect your personal experiences to broader current or historical events** occurring at the time of your story.
- Finally, the memoir must clearly **show what you learned about life** through this experience.
- Use this link for the [summative directions](#). Use this link for [examples and help from the Media Center](#).

Fill out answers and ideas as you follow the outline for your own graphic memoir project below.

Please change the font and color as you add your answers below

1. Exposition: Set the tone and determine the central conflict of the story in your memoir

- A. Describe the setting:
 - B. What year or years does the action take place? What was going on in the state, country, or world during this time? Research at least three major events (political, economic, environmental, scientific, etc.) that happened at the time. Make sure to link to any websites you use. This will be handy when creating your bibliography (in MLA, this is called a Works Cited page).
 - a. Year:
 - b. List and describe current events at the time of your memoir ([create a link each to a source](#))
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
- C. Who are the main characters?
 - a. What are the main characters like? Describe them.
 - b. What is the main conflict?

2. Rising Action: Determine at least two main events that will lead to the climax of your story.

- a. Event #1:
- b. Event #2:

3. Climax: Establish the turning point of the story.

- a. What is the turning point of the story?
- b. How does this affect the main characters?

4. Falling Action: Explain the results of the climax.

- a. What are the immediate effects of the climax?
- b. How do the main characters react?

5. Resolution: Make the lessons learned apparent and end with some closure (denouement).

- a. What do the main characters learn?
- b. How will the story end?