

# Personal Narrative Planning Sheet

A story/event that really happened in my life...

Who was there?

Where did this happened?  
(Setting)

When did this happen?

What happened?  
(Just the basic list of events)

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How did it end?

# How to start your story...

**Read this** to remind yourself of the 6 strategies we worked on before March break...

You can start your story by doing one of these...

## 1: Describing the setting.

*Example: I sat cradled in three branches at the top of an old oak behind my house. I could see over the rooftop, could see for miles. Overhead, planes lined up in the sky, heading toward O'Hare Airport to land one by one.*

or

## 2: Beginning with background information.

*Example: Tommy's my little brother, and he's in the first grade. He's fearless. One day, he wore a cape to school. I told him everyone would laugh at him. The next day, five other boys came wearing capes.*

or

## 3: Have the main character introduce himself or herself.

*Example: I'm Tabitha. I just turned 13, and I'm here to tell you a secret.*

or

## 4: Ask a question.

*Example: Why does trouble always follow me around? Do I have a "kick me" sign on my back or something?*

or

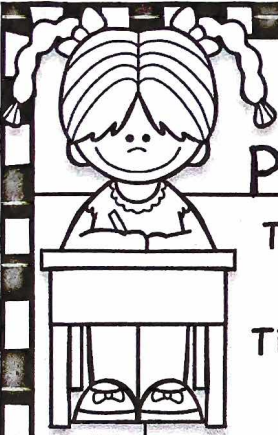
## 5: Begin with action or dialogue.

*Example: I crouched in starting position, hands poised on the track and back coiled like a spring. "On your mark! Get set!" The starting gun boomed. I launched myself forward, trying to spring ahead of the pack*

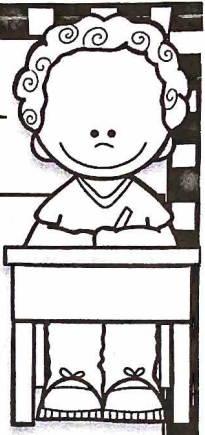
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## 6: Start with a strong emotion or exclamation.

*Example: Ouch! That hurt!*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Personal Narrative Writing

Topic \_\_\_\_\_  
What are you writing about?

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Think of your topic & CAPITALIZE

Beginning

★ Topic Sentence/Introduction:

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Middle

Details:

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End

♥ Conclusion/Closing Sentence: 📦

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