

# ★ WRITING A PERSONAL NARRATIVE



## ★ Brainstorm

Under the WRITING tab in your INo, add a page and call it

“Personal Narrative - 09/02/15”

Then, type the word BRAINSTORM.

Underneath, list as many of your own memorable moments as you can.

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Some ideas:

1. A special experience in a group: sports team, band, club, Boy/Girl Scouts
2. A moment when you realized something important about yourself, positive or negative: you are supportive, well-organized, industrious, cruel, selfish, lazy
3. An embarrassing moment
4. A life-threatening accident
5. A time when you experienced great pain: broken bone, burn, migraine headache
6. A moment of triumph: making a touchdown, making it onto a sports team or into a musical group
7. A particularly pleasant or unpleasant moment at school

## ★ CHOOSE A TOPIC

Share your memorable moments with your group in order to choose the one that the group finds most interesting.

**REMEMBER:** Your moment should be brief, but meaningful to you!! You must be able to describe it in detail.

# ★ OUTLINE

Below your list of ideas, type the word OUTLINE.

Briefly tell what you will include in the beginning, middle and end of your narrative.

***BEGINNING:*** Exposition - introducing characters, setting and hinting at the conflict. (1-2 pghs)

***MIDDLE:*** Rising Action - describing events that build suspense and make us want to know more about how the conflict will be resolved. Also include the Climax here. (2-3 pghs)

***END:*** Falling Action and Resolution - wrapping up the story and leaving us with something memorable (1 pgh)

**\*\*Each section MUST contain a simile, metaphor, or personification.**

# ★ WRITE!!!

Be Sure that you include elements of a memorable story:

- setting
- characterization
- plot
- conflict
- suspense
- figurative language (3 examples HIGHLIGHTED!)
- your thoughts and feelings
- humor (not required, but encouraged)