

Day 10 Oct 13/14

Let's look at the requirements for the Personal Narrative that you will have to write.

Goals: **did you rewrite the model paragraph from "Reading" quiz?**

- know the requirements for a full-length personal narrative that you will have to write
- recognize the elaboration techniques used in a personal narrative
- know that each experience can teach us something about life
  - > moral vs. life lesson

I will pass out the rubric for your Personal Experience Narrative. This is due on Day 12 (October 19, 20)

Next, let's identify the Elaboration Techniques that were used in the three narratives you read.

Take out "Papa," "Two Tix," and "Little Coaching."

Now open up to p. one in the ELA Text Pack

Which of the 19 techniques did we say would be frequently used in a Personal Narrative?

Write in the margin the number of the Elaboration Technique used by the author.

- 7. similes & metaphors
- 8. History and background
- 10. Change (what were you like **before** this experience; what were you like **after**?)
- 14. Changing perspective
- 17. Dialogue
- 18. Stop occasionally and tell us your thoughts at that moment.
- 19. Setting. Describe the scene in detail as if you are a camera recording a video.

a **moral** is a rule or a piece of advice

- You should never judge a book by its cover.
- Never talk to strangers.
- Brush your teeth every night before going to bed.
- Don't spread rumors.
- You shouldn't believe everything you hear.

What do all of these statements have in common?

*They are commands, not statements about how life is.*

a **life lesson** is a statement about the way life is. It is not a moral or a piece of advice. It does not tell you how life **should** be, but how it **is**.

*Add a life lesson to your personal narrative.  
Try to avoid a moral or a command.*

**Rough draft is due Day 11**

**Final draft is due Day 12**

Match these life lessons with the topics on the next page.

A.

All that dressing up and practicing, all the ceremonies and rituals actually transformed our family into something stronger than what it had been before.

B.

Before this experience, I thought I was irresponsible, incapable, and incompetent. Now, I know I am.

C.

Cheaters sometimes do win in the short run; but in the long run the truth wins – always.

D.

Even on the brightest and most beautiful day, I cannot visit my grandmother's house without feeling that intense sadness that struck us the day grandfather died.

E.

It is incredible how one day, even one small event, can totally change one's attitude about school.

F.

It was a journey of discovery about one's own abilities and limitations, not just a trip to a tourist trap.

G.

The best victories are not against an opposing team, but against the weakness in yourself.

H.

Words can hurt even more than sticks and stones; hateful words can destroy relationships, trust, reputations, and confidence in oneself.

### 36-1 Types of Personal Narratives

1. A trip or journey that had a dramatic influence on you-(ex) a vacation to the Grand Canyon or visiting another country
2. A personal achievement or triumph (ex) winning the baseball game with a home run
3. An experience with another person that caused a change in attitude for you-(ex) breaking up with a boyfriend/ girlfriend
4. An ordeal or tragedy that affected you or your family-(ex) a death in the family
5. A family custom or tradition- (ex) a wedding
6. An emotional experience associated with a certain place (ex) visiting Grandma's house one Sunday
7. A memorable experience you had at school
8. A baby-sitting experience or other experience requiring a challenging responsibility
9. A time you cheated in school and were caught
10. Finding a stray animal and bringing it home
11. A memorable experience you had shopping (ex) getting new clothes
12. The difficulties you had learning to drive
13. A time you got lost in a strange town
14. An experience at work (possibly getting fired or quitting) or looking for a job
15. The first time you spent the night away from home
16. Running away from home when you were much younger
17. An experience you had riding in a limousine, helicopter, horse-drawn carriage, or other unusual vehicle
18. A traumatic experience you had at a fire, tornado, flood, hurricane, or other dangerous storm
19. The best concert you've attended
20. Saving someone from getting hurt
21. An account of the time you and/or your family had to move to another city
22. A game you used to play outside in the spring, summer, fall, or winter
23. When you became disillusioned with someone you admired or respected
24. A time when you stuck up for someone
25. A time when you tried to help a friend and made things worse
26. A time you had to prove yourself to someone older, like a parent, older brother or sister, or teacher
27. Working in the yard- (ex) mowing the grass, burning leaves, weeding the garden, avoiding frogs or snakes, etc.