

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 (perhaps a sibling) 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.