

Personal Narrative Writing Assignment Checklist

Quarter One | Narrative | English 10 | Hauser Jr. Sr. High School

Directions: On the provided rough draft of the personal narrative, please locate and identify the following essential personal narrative components. You should write on the personal narrative.

Introductory Paragraph:

_____ **Anecdote (Short story or memory that will preface the major storyline)**

→ Double underline the anecdote in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Analogy (Comparison between two things to enhance the story)**

→ Place an asterisk (*) next to the analogy in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Rhetorical Question (Relevant question asked that doesn't require an answer)**

→ Circle the rhetorical question in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Fact or Statistic (Some kind of knowledge that ties to the story)**

→ Squiggly Line the fact in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Thesis Statement (Tells what the story is about; last sentence of the intro.)**

→ Underline the thesis statement in the sample personal narrative

Body Paragraphs (at least five):

_____ **Includes an Exposition (Beginning of the story describing time, place, location, and major characters involved in the story; might also include any necessary background information)**

→ Identify the paragraph with the exposition and write "EXPO" in the margin

_____ **Includes the Rising Action (Integrates events that lead to the climax of the story; includes details, figurative and descriptive language; dialogue; and imagery)**

→ Identify the paragraph(s) with the rising action and write "RA" in the margin

_____ **Includes a Climax (Has a high point of conflict, tension, or intensity in the story; includes imagery and descriptive language; potentially includes dialogue)**

→ Identify the paragraph with the climax and write "CLIMAX" in the margin

_____ **Includes a Falling Action (Embeds a reflection of the events following the climax; includes descriptive language)**

→ Identify the paragraph with the falling action and write "FA" in the margin

_____ **Includes a Resolution (Reflects on the main take-away message or lesson from this story; explains what is learned by the sequence of events)**

→ Identify the paragraph with the resolution and write "RES" in the margin

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Other Essential Elements:

_____ **At least one example of dialogue (direct language from a character)**

→ Circle an example of dialogue in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Indirect Characterization (giving hints about a character)**

Explain an instance where this is present in the sample personal narrative:

_____ **Direct Characterization (includes at least one direct description of a character)**

→ Underline an example in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Break in Writing (Might include a flashback, a time lapse, or a reflection)**

→ Place an asterisk (*) next to an example of this in the sample personal narrative

_____ **Consistent verb tenses (all present-tense or all past-tense)**

_____ **Varying sentence structures and complex sentences**

_____ **Active Voice- watch those verbs**

_____ **Lots of descriptive language and imagery**

Explain an instance where this is present in the sample personal narrative:

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THIS CHECKLIST AND ON THE SAMPLE PERSONAL NARRATIVE. TURN IN WHEN FINISHED.