

Personal Narrative



Your Story
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A Personal Narrative

- Is an interesting story about the writer.
- Is written in the first person (using the pronouns I, me, and my).
- Has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- Presents events in a clear order.
- Uses details to help readers see people, places, and events.
- Shows how the writer feels about the experience and why it is meaningful to him or her.

The personal narrative tells about

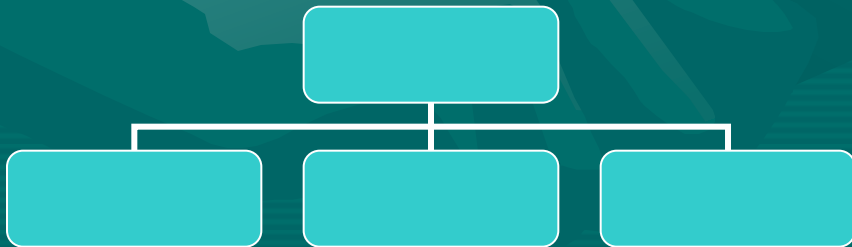
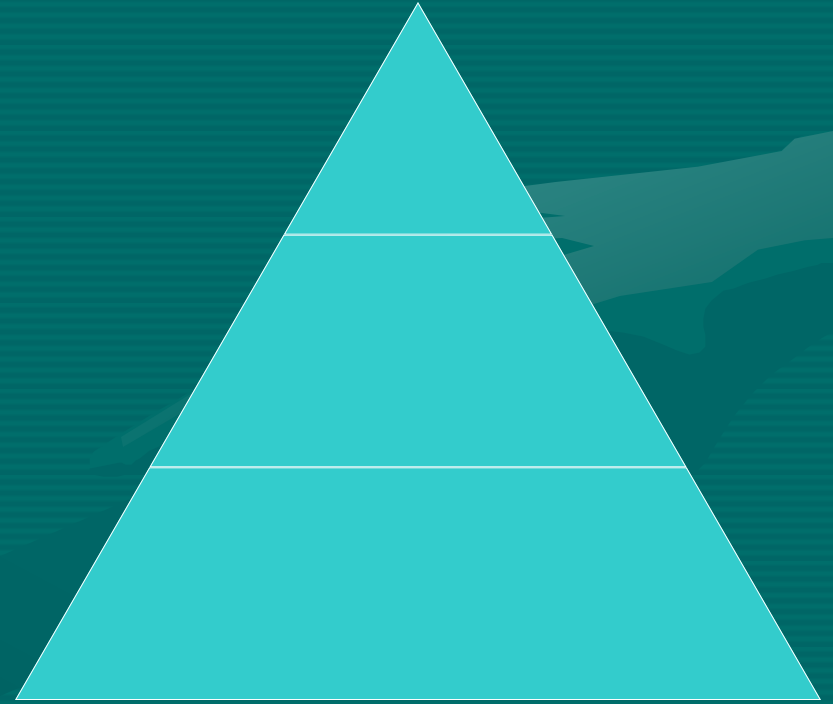
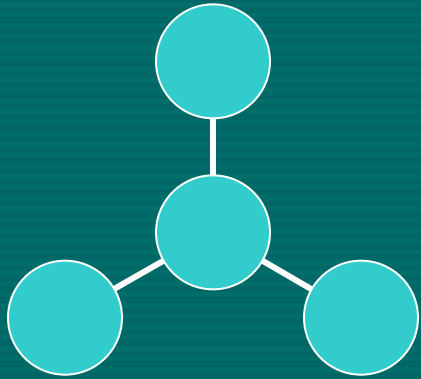
- A good time
- A bad time
- An important time
- A memorable event
- A first time
- A last time



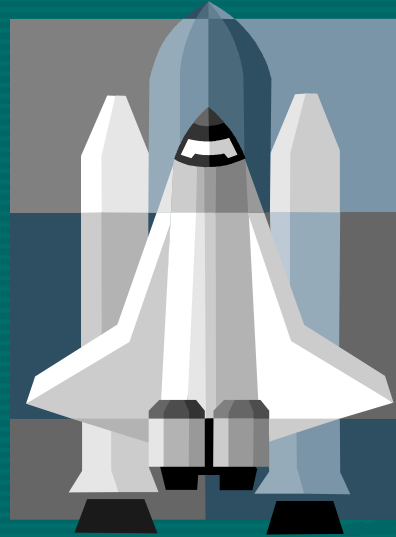
Freewrite

- Take a few minutes and write without stopping.
- Write about where the story takes place. Close your eyes and recall the place in your narrative. What do you see? Hear? Taste? Smell? Feel?
- Write about the people who will be in your narrative. Think about the way each one looks, acts, and speaks. Conversation or dialogue is a good way to draw your readers into the action.
- List the main events of the narrative along a timeline.

Graphic Organizers



Lead or Introduction

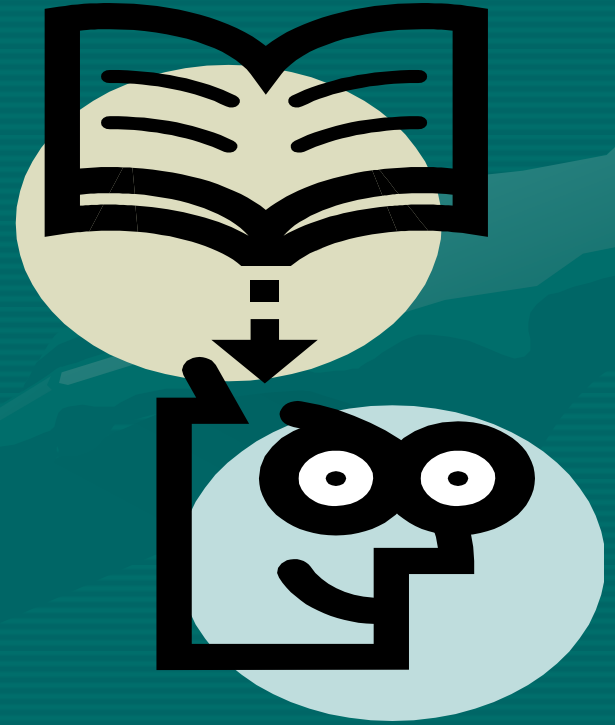


Grabs the reader's attention!!

Introduces the reader to the situation.

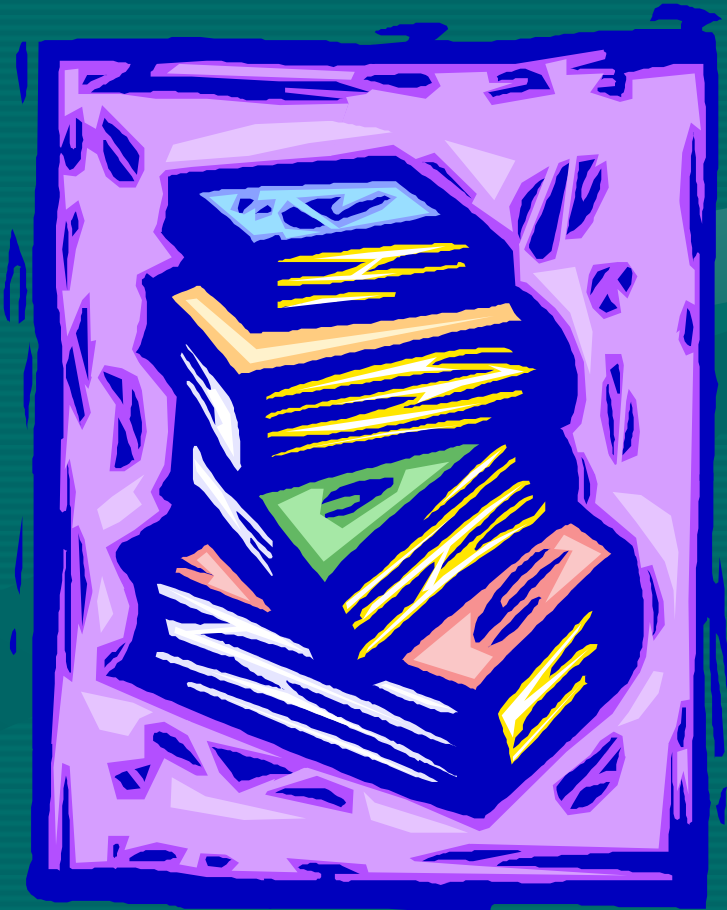
Types of Leads

- Appeal to the reader's senses by writing a vivid description of the scene.
- Make readers wonder by asking a question.
- Lure readers into the story quickly by using dialogue.



Supporting Paragraphs

- Always begin with a topic sentence. Use specific details that support the topic sentence. Use sensory words to keep the reader's attention.
- Wrap up the paragraph with a concluding or transitioning sentence.
- Remember to develop a minimum of 3 supporting paragraphs.



Use transitions to guide your readers through your story!!

Importance

- First
- Next
- Later
- Finally
- More important
- Most of all
- Last but not least

Cause/Effect

- Therefore
- Because
- As a result
- Consequently
- Since
- For
- So

More Transitions

Comparison/Contrast

- Similarly
- In contrast
- Unlike
- On the other hand
- Nevertheless
- In the same way

Examples

- Such as
- For example
- In other words
- Along with
- For instance
- Like

Conclusion



- Use a topic sentence for your concluding paragraph.
- Wrap up all loose ends so that the reader doesn't have any questions.
- Your last sentence should conclude the narrative. The reader knows that the story is over.

Revise and Edit

- Read your paper aloud to yourself or a partner. Did the introduction capture you or your partner's attention?
- Is the order of events clear? Did I include transitions?
- Do I use details that appeal to the five senses?
- Is the conclusion an end to the narrative?
- Do I have at least five paragraphs?



Have

fun

writing your narrative!!!

