**Personal Narrative Brainstorm**

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**HOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the prompts/questions in each rectangle carefully. Some will ask you to interview an adult relative (graduated from high school), some will require a friend to respond, and some will be for you to answer. All of these questions/prompts will help you brainstorm for your first writing assignment of the year: personal narrative.   
  
**This is due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| Ask an adult relative this question: what is your favorite memory of me as a child? | Ask an adult relative this question: can you describe a time you were proud of me? |
| Ask an adult relative this question: can you describe a time when I got in trouble? | Ask an adult relative this question: can you describe a time I made you laugh or cry? |
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| Ask a friend this question: can you describe your favorite memory of me/our friendship? | Ask a friend this question: can you describe a time when we fought? |
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| Respond to this on your own: describe a time you failed or lost | Respond to this on your own: describe a time when you overcame an obstacle |
| Respond to this on your own: describe a time you won | Respond to this on your own: describe a vacation or relaxing moment/place. |
| Respond to this on your own: describe a time when you were hurt or disappointed (emotionally, physically, etc.) | Respond to this on your own: describe a memory of a gift you received or gave (good or bad) |
| Respond to this on your own: describe a memory of a storm | Respond to this on your own: describe an embarrassing moment |
| Respond to this on your own: describe a memory of a holiday or special occasion | Respond to this on your own: describe a family tradition or family story |
| Respond to this on your own: describe a memory of a pet | Respond to this on your own: describe a memory of amazing OR terrible food |

Choose one of the events/memories/experiences that will be the most interesting to write about. Which one will be the most interesting to read? Which one will allow you to use fantastic description and details?

Use this page to outline your narrative using a method of your choice: web, story/plot map, comic strip, list, etc.

Now it’s time to write a draft. Remember, it’s a DRAFT! Don’t stress too much about surface errors; it’s important to get your thoughts and information from the outline onto the paper.

**Personal Narrative Writing Rubric** Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Requirements** | | **1 Yes** | **0 No** |
| **Content** | A hook. |  |  |
| Dialogue. |  |  |
| The setting (time and place). |  |  |
| At least the main character. |  |  |
| The narrative uses descriptive/sensory details. |  |  |
| At least 3 important events with specific details. |  |  |
| A clear beginning, middle and end. |  |  |
| EXTRA CREDIT: A wrap-up: reflection, lesson learned, or a change in the character (memoir). |  |  |
| **Conventions** | Perfect spelling (no spelling errors). |  |  |
| Perfect capitalization (no capitalization errors). |  |  |
| Perfect grammar (no grammar errors (punctuation, fragments, run-ons)). |  |  |
| Dialogue is written correctly. No formatting errors. |  |  |
| **Organization & Style** | The essay uses transition words/phrases and demonstrates sentence fluency. |  |  |
| Sequence of events makes sense (chronological order) |  |  |
| Maintains 1st person POV |  |  |
| The essay contains indented paragraphs. |  |  |

**/ 15 Points Total**