

I. Introduction

A. Hook

- Significance of Life, how I did not think much of life, life in general, and the consequences of my actions

B. Significance of topic

1. Significance of topic to you

- Was a near death experience of some sort, taught me to see the significance of life, no matter how big or small

2. Significance to topic to your reader

- People should try to understand others around them, even if their views are different, race, sex, orientation, etc. Everyone has a voice even if all they say is something stupid.

C. Thesis (What is the central idea you want to get across with your essay?)

- To first value yourself, find a purpose in your life to keep you going, then to value the people around you, what they do for you, and what you do for them in return.

II. Set-up

A. Background about event- to allow a reader to understand

1. History of people or event

- History of myself? Never thought much of myself or what I did. Simply flowed through life doing what I had to because I knew that it would be important even if it frustrated me at times.

2. Relevant details about the event

- Did not head multiple signs of future error

B. People involved

- Me
- Mother (barely)

1. Description of relevant physical characteristics

- Try to be relatively prepared - wear heavy coat, glasses to see, sneakers

2. Description of relevant personality characteristics

- Try to be stoic in nature, don't like to show emotion

C. Setting

1. Description of setting using five senses

- Lemon scented in kitchen
- Warm due to wood stove
- Taste of my breakfast? Savory ham, bacon, and eggs - sweet snickers and breakfast shake.
- Light wall colors? Dim lighting other than what came in from windows.
- Machinery hum from kitchen

2. Explanation of significance of the setting

- Had a lot of indicators that the drive to school would not be an easy one.

D. Short anecdote or foreshadowing

1. Details establishing conflict

- Had a motor vehicle v. tree event

- Car go vroom, tree got mad
- The air was dry and frigid and dry, had at least 5 inches of snow or so
 - Snow melted from blacktop and froze under snow
 - Poor plow job
 - Numerology signs
 - Mothers Dream (told of after event)
- 2. Details establishing the stakes for people
 - Being cocky can cost lives?
 - Be aware of the events around you to properly prepare for future events.

III. Beginning of Event

A. Explain how things started to happen

- Woke up same as every other day
 - 2hr delay
 - Slept for another hour due to lack of sleep
 - Had breakfast
 - Played games until 8:45 when I had to leave
 - Talk to mother after going downstairs
 - Get into car
 - Tokyo Drift on road a bit (not as dramatic)
 - See road is horribly plowed
 - “Error” Plays
 - Tree

B. Show what people did to reach the point where the event was imminent-point of no return

- I was the only one involved, and due to some events being out of my control I would say that to reach the point of no return I simply did nothing smart to prevent the accident.

C. Detailed sensory description of what happened

- Frigid Cold
- White Reflective Snow, snow falling from trees. Sunny
- Crunching Snow / Ice
- Music from player
- Taste? Dry?

D. Feelings about what happened

- Now - Wish I didn't drive into school, chose to stay home - OR - drove at half speed?
- Then - No thoughts whatsoever

IV. Climax of Event

A. Things come to a head

- Yes, straight into a tree

B. Detailed sensory description

- Blurry sight due to glasses being removed
- Completely silent, possible heart throb in ears
- No Taste

- Cold yet warm due to adrenaline - a void feeling
- Lack of smell, frigid winter scent perhaps?

C. Feelings about what happened

- Now - Damn I was stupid
- Then - MY CAR! Emotional about my car getting wrecked and a feeling of helplessness (best way I can describe it).

V. Resolution of Event (Conclusion)

A. Tell how things end up

- Got a new car?
- Learned that just because things haven't been bad does not mean things will always be good.
- Realised the significance of my life compared to the rest of the world - very small

B. Sum up the event

- Trust yourself, be bold but not cocky, prepared but not paranoid.
- Find something to look forward to in the future to keep you moving
- You judge the value of yourself, not the people around you.
- Depending on your beliefs, be aware of signs of misfortune?