

ELA 6 - Personal Narrative - A Moment of Change

Course: English Language Arts 6

Title: Personal Narrative - A Moment of Change

Length & Timing:

- 400600 words
- 12 weeks (planning, drafting, revising)

Prompt:

Write about a real moment in your life when something changed for you.

It could be:

- starting something new,
- solving a problem with a friend or family member,
- joining or leaving a team or activity,
- moving to a new place,
- or another important turning point.

Student Instructions:

1. Plan your narrative:

- Who is involved?
- Where and when does it happen?
- What is the problem or challenge?
- How is it solved or what do you realize?

2. Write your narrative using:

- A clear beginning (setting and situation).
- Middle (events and feelings building up).
- Ending (what happened and what you learned or thought).

3. Use:

- First person ("I") voice.
- Descriptive details (what you saw, heard, felt).
- Paragraphs to separate ideas.

4. Revise once for clarity and conventions.

Teacher Grading Criteria:

Ideas & Content (/15)

- Focused on one clear moment of change.
- Includes specific, interesting details.

Organization (/10)

- Clear beginning, middle, and end.

Voice & Description (/10)

- Sounds personal and real; uses some descriptive language.

Conventions (/10)

- Spelling, punctuation, sentences mostly correct.

Total: /45