

Autobiographical Narrative

An **autobiographical narrative** is a story that revolves around real events in the writer's life. You will choose a prompt and write a story from personal experience that addresses the prompt. Over the next week, class will consist of writing workshop, mini-lessons, peer-conferences, and typing.

Possible Prompts to Guide Your Writing:

- Tell the reader about a time in your life where you overcame adversity¹.
- Write about an event that taught you a lesson or helped you grow.
- Write about something you regret doing or not doing, something you wish you could undo. That thing could be an action, a failure to act, a statement, a failure to say something—anything that, in hindsight, has caused you to think, "I wish I had said or done something else instead."
- Can you think of other ideas that will work for this type of writing? (Think about the mentor texts!) Talk with your writing partner (and with me) to check if your idea will work for this assignment.

What to Include

- An interest-grabbing first sentence or opening paragraph (LEAD)
- A clear plot
- A central problem or conflict that you or someone else resolves
- Vivid details that show the people, places, and events
- Dialogue (conversation between characters)

Writing Process

Brainstorm

Draft

Revise/ Edit

Publish

Formatting

Your final draft (which will be typed here at school) should be in MLA format. That means you will need to use a legible font (Times New Romans, size 12), double space the lines, and use the correct header. Your header should be lined up with the left side of your page. The first line should be your name. The second line is your teacher's name. On the third line, write your core #. On the fourth line, write the date on which you print the paper.

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