

## Personal Narrative

A narrative is a story. **Personal narratives** are stories people tell about themselves. In these stories, the writers call themselves *I* or *me*. When you write a personal narrative, your purpose, or plan, might be able to tell about something you did or about something that happened to you. You might also express how you feel about certain things.

Sentences in personal narratives tell what happens in the beginning, middle, and the end. To write a personal narrative, good writers tell about things in the order in which they happen. You can use the writing process to help you plan and write your narrative.

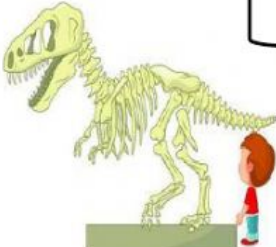
Read Juan's story about a trip to a museum

Write a catchy title → **Dinosaur Day**

Beginning  
Begin with a strong sentence. → **Last summer I saw dinosaur bones for the first time.** I went with my family to a museum.

Middle → First, we went into a room and watched a movie about dinosaurs. Then, we looked at pieces of bones in glass cases.

Ending → Finally, we saw a huge dinosaur skeleton. It was as tall as an apartment building. **When we left, a man gave me a book about dinosaurs.** ← Concluding Sentence

A cartoon illustration of a yellow dinosaur skeleton standing on a green base. A small child with red hair, wearing a red shirt and blue pants, is standing next to the dinosaur, looking up at it.

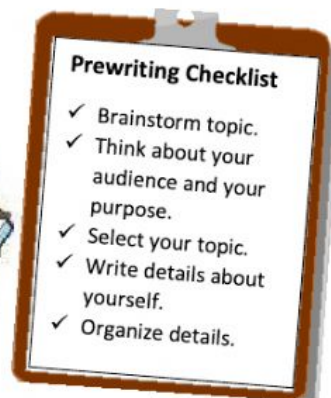
## Personal Narrative (Prewriting)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prompt: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, prewriting is getting ready to write. Think about your topic. Now gather ideas about your topic. It's just planning. It doesn't have to be perfect.



**Story Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Story Summary

What happened?	When did it happen?	Where did it happen?	Who was there?

### Story Details

**Beginning -**

**Middle -**

**End -**