

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.

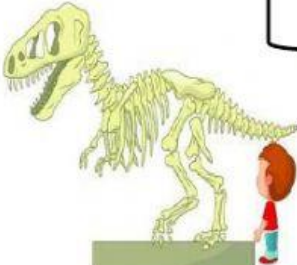
Read Juan's story about a trip to a museum

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



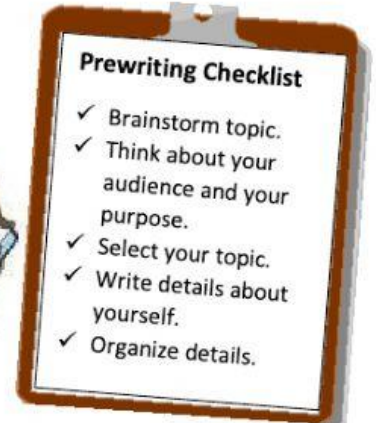
Personal Narrative (Prewriting)

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?
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Story Details

Beginning -

Middle -

End -