



**O' Level
Foundation
Week 10**

The Write Tribe

PERSONAL RECOUNT



PERSONAL RECOUNT/REFLECTIVE ESSAYS

22. Write about some memories you treasure. Why are they important to you?

Edgar Allan Poe once remarked about the meaning of memories, "We make memories by observing attentively and remember them distinctly." This quote **resonates with me on a deep level** whenever I **reminisce** about the times I had with my grandma and how I relate to the challenges I face after she left us. My grandma is a **significant figure** in my life. Till today, she is easily at the top of my list of the people I look up to and hold close to my heart.

Some of the greatest memories I had in my childhood were created together with her. Not only were they sentimental, those memories have **moulded** me into who I am today. If I could use some adjectives to describe her, they would be "strong", "compassionate", "playful", and "confident". What an **elusive personality** to learn from!

Even in her 60s, she would play hard with us, especially me. She knew I was a most active child and needed to burn that extra energy away. She certainly had **harnessed her stamina** from her days as a principal ballet dancer. She would also share her stories from her younger days where she was the breadwinner of her family, working through three jobs every day so her siblings could go to school. The **iron will** in her did not stop her from pursuing her interest in dance, despite her challenging circumstances. When she was appointed as the first dance teacher in a local school, she continued to **innovate** ways to provide free lessons to aspiring dancers from low-income families in the community. She was **often ridiculed** for her generosity but did not waver despite the nasty comments she received. She had a **ferocious determination** to do what she was inspired to do. The recognition she was afforded in her later years was the fruit of her dedication, grooming some of the leading international dancers and building her own renowned dance academy.

After losing my grandpa to cancer, she extended her **knowledge of pain** as a caregiver of a cancer patient. Not knowing where to begin, she knew she wanted to help families who needed emotional support during their journey with a sick family member. Whether it was financial assistance or simply **lending a listening ear** on a regular day, she wanted to **alleviate the misery** one might be going through when witnessing a loved one suffering from illness.

She did it all so effortlessly and the stories I know of her have **imbibed** in me values I hold dearly. Although I might not achieve them with the same grace she had, the lessons on resilience and empathy will forever be treasures in my heart and distinct lessons to **fuel** me in times of need.

Recount a time when your parents were disappointed in you and what you learnt from the experience.

WRITING ORGANIZER - Recount

Orientation: - *Introduction – Setting the scene.*

Events: - *What happened – In chronological order.*

Conclusion: - *Personal Comment (Optional)*



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