

STUDENT WRITING CHECKLIST

GRADE 3 - 5

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Use the checklist to plan, write, revise, and edit your personal narrative.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR PERSONAL NARRATIVE

- Describe the characters and setting.
- May include a plot.
- Use sensory details to describe how things look, sound, smell or feel.
- Use clear language.
- Include a logical sequence of events.

Ideas and Content

- I express ideas that are clear and directly related to the topic.
- My ideas are appropriate for the audience and purpose.
- I use details to support my ideas.

Organization

- My beginning is interesting.
- I organize details in a way that they make sense.
- I use transitional words to connect my ideas.
- My paper has a sense of resolution or closure.
- I use paragraphs.

Voice

- I use language appropriate for the audience, topic and purpose.
- My writing shows what I really think and feel.

Word Choice

- I use a variety of words that make my meaning clear and interesting.
- I use descriptive words and phrases that energize the writing.
- I use vocabulary appropriate to the topic.

Sentence Fluency

- I use both simple and compound sentences.
- I use a variety of sentence lengths and beginnings.
- I use dialogue when appropriate.
- My paper sounds good when read aloud.

Conventions

- I use paragraph breaks correctly.
- I use punctuation correctly.
- I use capital letters correctly.
- I spell correctly.
- I use grammar and usage rules correctly.

I have proofread my paper.