

STUDENT WRITING CHECKLIST GRADE 6-8 PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Use this checklist to help you plan, write, revise and edit your personal narrative.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR PERSONAL NARRATIVE

- Establish and develop a controlling idea
- Develop characters and setting
- May include a plot
- Use descriptive words and phrases
- Use dialogue, as appropriate

IDEAS AND CONTENT

- I use clear, focused and original ideas and details to support the topic.
- My writing is appropriate for the audience and purpose.
- I use sufficient details and examples to help the reader understand my message.

ORGANIZATION

- My introduction makes a reader want to keep on reading.
- I organize details in a way that they make sense.
- I place details appropriately to support the main idea.
- I use smooth transitions between sentences, ideas and paragraphs.
- My paper ends with a sense of resolution or closure.

VOICE

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

WORD CHOICE

- I use accurate, specific and powerful words that make the meaning clear.
- My words are original, varied, and natural.
- I use literal or figurative language when appropriate.

SENTENCE FLUENCY

- I use simple, compound and complex sentences.
- My paper sounds good when read aloud.
- I vary sentence beginnings, lengths and patterns to enhance the flow of the writing.
- I use dialogue when appropriate.

CONVENTIONS

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

- I have proofread my paper.