

Narrative Essay

After studying narrative techniques and dissecting multiple narratives, it is now your turn to write one of your own.

Your task is to write a story from your life as a response to **one prompt** out of the following from the College Board:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

Your essay should provide ample detail (shoot for between four and six pages in length) and should be double spaced. Additionally, you need to demonstrate the usage of the following techniques:

- Creative intro statement/hook
- Dialogue
- Sensory details (Show, not tell when appropriate)
- Logical organization and structure
- Appropriate voice and tone
- Significance of event
- Creative closing
- Proper grammar and punctuation

You will be expected to revise and edit your essay in order to achieve proficiency on multiple writing and language standards. Your ability to use feedback to refine your essay will be assessed.

This essay is **due Friday, October 11th**. You will be responsible for turning in the following things:

- Rough draft hard copy brought to class on Friday, September 27th
- Rough draft hard copy (with revisions) and completed checklist submitted on Friday, October 11th
- Final draft submitted to Turnitin.com on Friday, October 11th, by 11:59 pm