

# Qualities of Effective Personal Narratives

1. The PN includes a TITLE that captures the readers' interest.
2. The topic is about a memorable and significant event the writer personally experienced.
3. The writing focuses on one event – one moment in time that lasted 30 minutes or less.
4. The Personal Narrative (PN) begins in the middle of the action.
5. The PN include VISUAL DETAILS – ***Snapshots***.
6. The DETAILS help create EXCITEMENT and/or other moods.
7. The PN includes dialog.
8. The scene(s) created in your PN include Snapshots + **Thoughtshots** + Dialog
9. The conclusion includes why this event was important / significant.