

# Qualities of Effective Personal Narratives

- The topic is about a memorable and significant event that you personally experienced.
- The writing focuses on one event – one moment in time that lasted about 5 to 15 minutes.
- Begin your Personal Narrative (PN) in the middle of the action.
- Include VISUAL DETAILS – Snapshots.
- Use your DETAILS to help create EXCITEMENT and/or other moods.
- Include dialog.
- Include a TITLE that will capture your readers' interest.
- Your conclusion should include why this event was important / significant.
- The scene(s) you create in your PN will include Snapshot + Thoughtshots + Dialog