

## Strategies for Generating Personal Norrative Writing



Think of a person who matters to you, list small moment stories connected to him ther and write one.



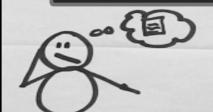
You realized something, list stories you could tell about each and write one.



Think of a place that matters, list small moments that occurred in that place and write one.



Think of a **Strong feeling**. List stories of particular times you felt it and write one.



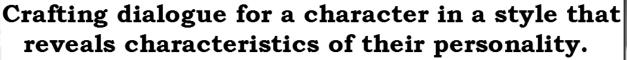
Live differently because you are a Writer. Notice small moments, and capture them in entries.



Read the words another author has written and allow them to spark your own story ideas.



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Giving reasons to explain why a character acts the way they do.





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Showing the way your character might actually think. Use the exact words and tone that they use in their internal thinking when narrating.



# Use these WHILE WRITING!

#### Techniques for Raising the Level of Narrative Writing

- Dream the dream of the story and then write in a way that allows readers to experience the moment along with you.
- Revise using all you know about storytelling, not summarizing.
- Use all you know about grammar, spelling, and punctuation to edit as you write.
- · Tell the story from inside it.
- Use details that are true to the event and that ring true.
- Use tools like the Narrative Writing Checklist to ask, In what ways does my writing measure up? In what ways do I need to improve? Then, revise your work to make it stronger.
- Ask: "What is my story really about?" and then write to bring forth that meaning.
- · Bring out the story structure.
- Elaborate on important parts—parts that relate to what your story is really about.
- Incorporate scenes from the past or future to highlight the significance of your story.
- Don't simply end stories! Resolve problems, teach lessons, or makes changes that tie back to the big meaning of your story.
- · Take your story to the workbench.