

Autobiographical Narrative

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will write an autobiographical narrative in response to one of the topics given below.
- You will be expected to plan, write, and proofread your essay.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you:

- tell a story about a personal event;
- develop a plot with a beginning, middle, and end;
- describe setting and characters;
- use appropriate strategies such as action and descriptive detail to make your story interesting; and
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Writing the Story:

You may **choose from one** of the following topics relating to themes from the stories we've read in class.

You may write about a time when . . .

- you tried to impress someone (“Seventh Grade”)
- you had to adjust to a change in your life (*Amelia’s Road*, “Always Moving”)
- something surprised you (*That Book Woman*, “Terri Jackson”)
- you overcame an obstacle (“On Being Seventeen, Bright, and Unable to Read”)
- you learned a lesson about yourself (“Mary Lou”)

Remember that your writing will be scored on how well you:

- tell a story about a real event;
- develop a plot with a beginning, middle, and end;
- describe a setting and characters;
- use appropriate strategies such as action and descriptive detail to make your story interesting; and
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.