

Grades 11-12

Biographical/Autobiographical Compositions

Narrative Essays

Narrative Essay Prompts

Choose the ONE that seems most interesting to you and that you feel you could write about with the most detail.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that he wished for the day when his children "would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Write about a time in your life when the content of your character was tested.
2. As adolescents, many of us promise ourselves that we'll never be like our parents. But as we mature, we often find that we think and act a lot like our parents do. Describe a time when you realized you were behaving like your mother or father (or other guardian) and how that experience helped you better understand your parent.
3. There is a saying that you should be careful what you wish for, because you might get it. Describe a time when you wished for something and got it--and then wished you hadn't.
4. From the time we are toddlers, we begin to challenge authority to test our limits. Describe a time when you challenged authority.

BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE

5. We often put people we admire so high on a pedestal that we forget they're human. Describe a time when you realized that someone you admired was imperfect.
6. Sometimes when we meet someone, we have no idea how important that person will become to us later in our lives. Describe the time your first met someone who later became very important to you.

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