Personal Narrative Podcast Assignment

What is a narrative?

A nonfiction narrative that is a story based on an author’s personal memories and experiences. It is a factual story about a significant part of the author's life, written from their perspective. Memoirs can be structured around a theme, such as a relationship conflict, illness, or historical event.

# Vocabulary

These are some words that can describe a person’s personal narrative. Share your understanding of these words with your classmates and then ask your teacher to explain any your group doesn’t understand.

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| **Word** | **We have never heard this word before – we need to ask the teacher** | **We have heard this word before. What we think it means is…** | **We know this word and can use it in a sentence or give an example or explanation:** |
| Authentic |  |  |  |
| Candid |  |  |  |
| Captivating |  |  |  |
| Descriptive |  |  |  |
| Emotive/emotional |  |  |  |
| Engaging |  |  |  |
| Heartbreaking |  |  |  |
| Heartwarming |  |  |  |
| Humorous / comedic |  |  |  |
| Impactful |  |  |  |
| Poignant |  |  |  |
| Reflective |  |  |  |
| Thought-provoking |  |  |  |
| Tragic |  |  |  |

# Read/Listen to a Podcast of a Personal Narrative and Write a Gist (Summary)

For this assignment, you will first read and listen to some podcasts. Choose one podcast episode that you like, that inspires you, or that resonates with you. Then complete the following:

Title:

Source \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the 5Ws and H.

Who:

What:

Where:

When:

Why:

How:

Write one word for how you would describe this memoir:

Write a 20-word GIST. :

Now It’s Time to Write

Brainstorm possible topics for your own memoir:

Write a few words that come to mind for each topic below:

* A conversation I always remember
* A moment from childhood I think about often
* A moment I regret
* A moment in nature always remember
* A moment when I realized I was different
* A moment with a parent, guardian, teacher, coach mentor that stands out
* A relationship that has had a significant impact on my life
* A romantic moment
* A song, book, piece of art, game, or other work of art or culture that changed me
* A story I tell often
* A time faced one of my fears
* A time failed at something
* A time I felt terrible
* A time felt truly satisfied
* A time I took a risk
* An experience I had while traveling
* An experience that changed the way I look at the world
* An experience that showed me something important about family
* An experience that showed me something important about friendship
* An experience that showed me something important about myself
* My decision to come to the USA
* My saddest/happiest/best/worst moment
* Something I am proud of
* Something that changed my life forever
* Something that happened to me that still makes me laugh
* Something unexpected that happened to me

Choose your topic and free write:

Assignment Details

Type your personal narrative on Google Docs or MS Word.

1. Include a header in the top left corner with your name, your teacher’s name, the class, and the date
2. Add an appropriate title centered at the top
3. Indent the first line with the [TAB] key
4. Submit your draft. I will provide suggestions for revision.
5. Make a recording for the class podcast. Practice reading your memoir. I will give you feedback on pronunciation, etc., and information on how to post your recording and an image.
6. Share your work with classmates!