Choose **ONE** of the provided prompts for your essay and begin the prewriting step. Once your planning and outlining is completed, move on to free writing. There will be check-ins and conferences with the teacher, so make sure you are keeping up with the work. We will have time to edit and revise in class, but it is up to you to work on that for your second draft alone. We will have 2 days in class to type our essays.

Requirements

1. A minimum of 2 FULL pages
2. Typed
3. In Times New Roman, size 12
4. Double Spaced
5. Meets the definition of a personal narrative
6. Has some dialogue

Deadlines

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outline:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rough Draft 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rough Draft 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final Draft: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are absent on the day something is due, it is your responsibility to see me to get your points for a missed deadline. The late homework policy applies to the topic, outline, and both rough drafts.

**Your final draft MUST be typed. If it is one day late or handwritten it will be 50% off.**

**If your final draft is turned in AFTER your class period, it will be 10% off.**

*Prompts:*

1. When we reflect upon our childhood, we often come back to a few key events that had a major impact on us. Tell about one of those defining events from your childhood.
2. Sometimes lies can have serious consequences. Describe a time when a lie had major consequences for you.
3. Major life events like a new job, a new home, the birth of a sibling, or the death of someone we love can have a profound impact on us. Describe a major event in your life and what it taught you about yourself or others.
4. Most of us have to make many difficult choices throughout our lives. Describe a time when you had to make a tough decision.
5. How people handle a problem often reveals a lot about their character. Describe a time you encountered a difficult problem and how you solved it.
6. We all have things that we are afraid of, and sometimes we find ourselves in situations that force us to face our deepest fears. Tell about a time when you had to face one of your greatest fears.
7. Sometimes we surprise ourselves with what we are able to do. Describe a time when you accomplished something you didn’t think you could do.
8. Sometimes something negative turns out to be a positive—a “blessing in disguise.” Describe a time in your life when something bad turned out to be good.
9. It is often both frightening and exciting to do something on our own for the first time. Tell about a time when you first did something on your own.
10. We learn many lessons from many different sources throughout our lives. Tell about a time you learned something that you can’t learn from any book.

If there is anything not on this list that you would like to write about, let me know!