

Paper #1

Personal Narrative

Length 4-5 pages

Peer Review Date:

Rough Draft Due:

Final Draft Due:

Your first paper is fairly self explanatory. All you need to do is write about an event in your life that changed the way you saw the world, yourself, etc... Basically, you need to tell me a story about an event that changed you. While this may at first seem as simple as possible there are certain pitfalls you should avoid.

- Don't be melodramatic.
- Don't obsessively use exclamation points! It means you're yelling! See! If you do it constantly it gets very annoying! LIKE TEXTING IN ALL CAPS!
- Description and word choice are key.
- Avoid clichés like the plague. Nyuk-nyuk-nyuk.
- Watch your grammar and follow standard format for dialogue.

The subject of your essay is completely up to you. I'm sure I've probably read an essay similar to the one you're already thinking about writing so the key is to tell it *your* way. What separates your story on the same topic I've read a million times from all the others? It's how you tell it. Think about voice.

Other things to remember.

- Proofread after you spill chick. You might have misspelled a word into another word.
- Come up with a solid title.
- Don't use "a lot" a lot.
- For the love of god don't use internet spellings, abbreviations or acronyms. If I see "lol" or "u" for "you" I'm murdering you with a dry erase marker.

- Double space