

Written language evolved from oral discourse (talking) and stories of spirits and cultural history were told around many a primitive campfire long before campgrounds and recreational vehicles came into existence. Therefore recorded history has its base in myth, legend, and magic. Each one of us has a personal history; and although we may not think of it as grand pageantry, these events and encounters have significantly molded us into the individuals we are.

Assignment: Write a personal narrative about a significant event or events that led you to a new understanding of yourself and your world. Perhaps it was a painful truth that caused you to rethink such concepts of love, honesty, loyalty, friendship, and death.

On the other hand, perhaps no disaster has befallen you; then you could write about an incidence of great happiness or good luck.

Another way to approach this essay might be to focus on some supernatural event—alien abduction, a ghostly encounter, NDE, and déjà vu are a few suggestions.

This paper does not need to be all that serious either. Maybe you could write about a humorous event—perhaps a date from HELL or some embarrassing moment.

See class notes for organization.

