

ASSIGNMENT:

Write an account of a particular incident or encounter in your life that in one way or another illustrates a stage of growing up (at any age) or of personal development. Focus on one specific experience.

Your job is to *narrate* this important incident to your readers, using as many specific, *descriptive* details as possible, in an attempt to show them what you experienced. Also, be sure to explain why this incident was important to you. How did you change? What did you learn?

Some things to keep in mind:

- FOCUS/PURPOSE:
 - Is your topic limited to a *specific* moment in time?
 - Is there a clear reason for telling your narrative, an idea about the experience that you want to convey to your readers?
- STRUCTURE:
 - Do you relate the events in clearly divided, chronological stages?
- SUPPORT:
 - Do you set up the topic clearly for your readers?
 - Do you provide descriptive, sensory details to “show” your readers what you experienced?
 - Do you place the incident in perspective, explaining the significance of the events that you narrate?
- SENTENCE SKILLS:
 - Did you take the time to read over your completed essay for basic sentence clarity and grammatical errors?
 - Did you check for spelling and typographical errors?
 - Did you follow the formatting guidelines posted in the “Assignments” folder in Course Material in Blackboard?