

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Personal Narrative**

Lesson 1 Quick Quiz

Complete the sentences with the terms listed below.

The type of writing that tells a story about oneself is referred to as a .

To write a Personal Narrative, the writer first needs to determine the .

Personal Narrative is a  of writing.

genre

personal narrative

situation

A Personal Narrative could be a story about your trip to Mexico.

- True
- False

A Personal Narrative could be about how to book a trip to Mexico.

- True
- False

A Personal Narrative could be a story about how you booked a trip to Mexico.

- True
- False

Answers: Personal Narrative, Situation, Genre, True, False, True

Lesson 2 Quick Review

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom of this page.

The person who tells the story is called the .

Pronouns such as "he, she, they" are often used when writing in the .

Pronouns such as "I, me, we" are often used when writing in the .

third-person

first-person

narrator

Which describes point of view?

- A.  The angle from which the camera is facing.
- B.  The angle from which the story is told.
- C.  The viewpoint of a large audience.

Answers: Narrator, Third- Person, First-Person, B

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### Lesson 3 Quick Review

In writing, the audience is

- A.  a large group of people in a theater.
- B.  yourself.
- C.  the person or people for whom the writing is intended.

Why is audience awareness important?

- A.  It is important to satisfy every reader.
- B.  It helps determine the choice of words to use.
- C.  It is necessary to make friends.

Which of the Six Traits is most affected by audience awareness?

- A.  Conventions
- B.  Organization
- C.  Voice

Answers: C, B, C

### Lesson 4 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with the terms listed below.

is the Six Trait most affected by mood and tone.

is the feeling the writer creates for the reader.

focuses on the attitude of the narrator.

Mood

Tone

Voice

Which of the following is used to influence mood and tone?

- A.  The proper conventions.
- B.  The number of words used.
- C.  The use of vivid verbs and sensory details.

Mood determines how an audience feels when reading a story.

- True
- False

Tone conveys how the narrator feels.

- True
- False

Answers: Voice, Mood, Tone, C, True, True

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### Lesson 5 Quick Review

Mood and tone help establish the overall feeling of the paper. They help the reader connect with the writing.

- True
- False

Creating an outline helps the writer put thoughts in a logical order.

- True
- False

Pacing determines

- A.  how fast the essay is written.
- B.  the speed at which a story is told.
- C.  the amount of steps a character takes.

Which of the Six Traits refers to outlining?

- A.  Idea
- B.  Sentence Fluency
- C.  Organization

Using descriptive detail can slow down pace.

- True
- False

Answers: True, True, B, C, True

### Lesson 6 Quick Quiz

Complete the sentences with the Engaging the Reader strategies listed below.

"Do birds chirp?" is an example of a .

Using "buzz" to describe the sound of a bee is an example of .

The following is an example of : "Based on marks seen on mummies, archeologists believe that human beings had tattoos between 4000 and 2000 B.C."

Shocking Statement

Rhetorical Question

Onomatopoeia

Engaging the Reader refers to which of the Six Traits?

- A.  Sentence Fluency
- B.  Conventions
- C.  Organization

It is never a good idea to change the type of Engaging the Reader strategy during the writing process.

- True
- False

Answers: Rhetorical Question, Onomatopoeia, Shocking Statement, C, False

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### Lesson 7 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with the terms listed below.

Using an  is important in organizing a rough draft.

The goal of writing a  is to get thoughts on paper; it does not have to be perfect.

I can consider changes to my writing at any time through the process of .

revision

rough draft

outline

The process of revision is

- A.  continual.
- B.  quick and easy.
- C.  not necessary if you are a good writer.

Answers: Outline, Rough Draft, Revision, A

### Lesson 8 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with Concluding Strategy listed at the bottom of this page.

The  closes by having the narrator look back at the experience.

The  closes with a statement that is forceful and reiterates the topic.

The  closes with a statement that allows the reader to draw their own conclusion.

reflective strategy

open strategy

strong statement strategy

Which does NOT apply to writing a conclusion?

- A.  It brings the writing to an end.
- B.  It should be written before creating an outline.
- C.  It appears in the last paragraph.

The writer might ask questions like "What did I learn? How did I change? How do I feel?" when using the

- A.  Summary Strategy.
- B.  Quotation Strategy.
- C.  Reflective Strategy.

Answers: Reflective Strategy, Strong Statement Strategy, Open Strategy, B, C

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### Lesson 9 Quick Review

Fill in the blanks with the terms at the bottom of this page.

Complete the sentences with the concepts listed below.

Vivid verbs and sensory details set the .

To create a visual image for readers, a writer can use .

Vivid verbs and sensory details create a visual image for the reader which are addressed through

.

Word Choice

tone and mood

vivid verbs and sensory details

Which defines sensory details?

- A.  Words that relate to one of the five senses.
- B.  Words that describe and appeal to our senses
- C.  Details that make sense.

Which of the following questions would be helpful in considering the addition of sensory details?

- A.  Are my sentences too long?
- B.  Have I used an effective close?
- C.  How do these words help create a detailed picture?

A thesaurus is a useful tool in selecting vivid verbs and precise adjectives.

- True
- False

Circling overused verbs and adjectives and replacing them with more descriptive words is an effective way to develop details.

- True
- False

Answers: Tone and Mood, Vivid Verbs and Sensory Details, Word Choice, B, C, True, True

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### Lesson 10 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with the concepts listed below.

is conversation between two or more people.

helps create a visual image of the character.

is writing that expresses a character's inner thoughts.

Physical description

Interior Monologue

Dialogue

"Dialogue" and "Description" relate to the Six Trait of Idea because they help develop characters or develop the ideas in the narrative.

- True
- False

Which would NOT be an appropriate question to consider when describing characters?

- A.  Can the reader visualize my characters?
- B.  Do I have enough characters in my story?
- C.  Would dialogue between my character help describe what they are like?

Answers: Dialogue, Physical Monologue, Interior Monologue, True, B

### Lesson 11 Quick Review

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom of this page.

"The wind was a howling wolf" is an example of a .

"He was as slow as molasses" is an example of a .

"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" is an example of .

Metaphor

Alliteration

Simile

Figurative language

- A.  leaves the reader to "figure" out the meaning.
- B.  communicates ideas beyond the ordinary, literal meanings.
- C.  shapes the writing into a figure eight.

Which type of figurative language uses the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words?.

- A.  Simile
- B.  Personification
- C.  Alliteration

Answers: Metaphor, Simile, Alliteration, B, C

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### Lesson 12 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with the concepts listed below.

are words or phrases that help tie ideas together between sentences and paragraphs.

make the writing more interesting and help the flow from one sentence to the next.

is a noun or noun phrase that renames a noun right beside it.

An appositive

Varied sentence beginnings

Transitions

Which of the following is an example of an "appositive"?

- A.  Because she always smiled, everyone thought she was happy.
- B.  Mr. Ramos, the principal at my school, wears a tie every day.
- C.  He is as honest as the day is long.

Which of the following contains an example of a "transition"?

- A.  In addition, he received the highest score on the test.
- B.  The class moved on to the next grade.
- C.  The friendly dog ran back and forth between the children.

Answers: Transitions, Varied Sentence Beginnings, An Appositive, B, A

### Lesson 13 Quick Review

Which of the following describes the process of "revision"?

- A.  Revising according to necessary edits.
- B.  Fixing the surface level mistakes.
- C.  Adding, deleting, and changing the content

Which of the following reflects "revision"?

- A.  Checking that the first word of every sentence begins with a capital letter.
- B.  Adding detail to description
- C.  Deleting unnecessary commas

What type of writers devote time to revision?

- A.  Writers who get stuck in the editing phase.
- B.  Writers who are satisfied with their first draft.
- C.  Writers who recognize that it deepens and strengthens their writing.

Answers: C, B, C

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Lesson 14 Quick Review

Which of the following does NOT apply to editing?

- A.  Checking that paragraphs are indented
- B.  Fixing errors in punctuation
- C.  Varying sentence beginnings

Editing is typically the last phase of the writing process.

- True
- False

Editing is only necessary if the writer is unsure of the content.

- True
- False

Which of the Six Traits relates to editing?

- A.  Idea
- B.  Conventions
- C.  Word Choice

Answers: C, True, False, B