

MY PERSONAL NARRATIVE CHECKLIST

Name _____

Date _____

| WRITING PROCESS | | NO | YES |
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| Pre-Writing | I brainstormed story ideas by making lists or using webs. | | |
| Drafting | I completed at least one rough draft. | | |
| Revision | I revised my rough draft by boxing off paragraphs, making timelines, and adding details and descriptions. | | |
| Editing | I self-edited for grammar, punctuation and spelling. I also completed the peer editing process. | | |
| PERSONAL NARRATIVE GENRE | | NO | YES |
| Personal Narrative | I wrote in the personal narrative genre. My story retold a true event that happened in my life. | | |
| Small Moment | I "zoomed in" on a particular episode and considered where in the sequence of events the story will begin and end. | | |
| Storytelling | I have written in a chronological structure that demonstrates the elements of storytelling (<i>reliving/recreating</i>) as opposed to summarizing (<i>telling</i>). | | |
| Showing Not Telling | I used descriptive language that evokes images and emotions (<i>ex. I showed how a moment was fun rather than stating that it was fun.</i>) | | |
| "Dialogue" | I used dialogue between characters in addition to narrative descriptions and explanations. | | |
| Beginning | I demonstrated an understanding of the use of leads to capture a readers interest. | | |
| Ending | I demonstrated an understanding of the use of endings to resolve story action and reflect on deeper meaning. | | |
| MECHANICS | | NO | YES |
| Sentence Structure | I used complete sentences. | | |
| Capitals & Punctuation | I used appropriate capitalization and punctuation. | | |
| Paragraphing | I grouped related ideas, events, and dialogue into paragraphs. | | |
| COMMENTS | | | |
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