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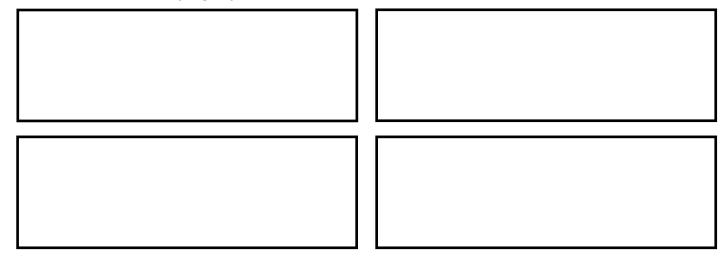
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Fantastic Writers Weekly Writing <u>PERSONAL NARRATIVE</u> Brainstorming Sheet

Step 1: My prompt is: _____

Step 2: (Choose at least 4 topics/ideas that are very different and strongly related to your prompt)

Example #2: If your prompt is to write a personal narrative about a day that you spent with your very best friend, possible topics could be: When I went to the movies for the first time with Harshil; When I went to Six Flags with Susanna; When Cody and I went on a camping trip in East Texas.



Step 3: Place a <u>big star</u> next to **the best idea/topic** and write it here (this is what you're writing about):

Step 4: Write your central idea AND BACKGROUND INFO in the box below (must be a complete sentence and clearly show what your experience is going to be about and its importance!!)

My Central Idea Sentence is: _

Background info: (what readers need to know to understand your topic/essay and has the <u>SETTING</u>)

Step 5-6: List only the top 3 most important events in your experience in order and

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explain why they are important. Example: 1st event was: went fishing. It is Important to

me because it was my 1st time doing it. EVENTS WILL BE USED TO FORM PARAGRAPHS.

| Step 5: Sequence of VERY important events: | Step 6: WHY IS THIS EVENT IMPORTANT? |
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| Begin each event with a transition word!!!!!! | <u>Show & don't tell the event's importance!</u> |
| 1 st Event (Body Paragraph 1): | Important because: |
| 2 nd Event (Body Paragraph 2): | Important because: |
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| I saw: I saw: I touched: | It looked like: It looked like: |
| I saw: I saw: I touched: I heard: | It looked like: It looked like: It felt like: |
| I saw: I saw: I touched: I heard: I smelled: | It looked like: It looked like: It felt like: It sounded like: |
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| I saw: I saw: I touched: I heard: I smelled: Step 8: Brainstorm your 6 best titles (yo can't be in your title) | It looked like: It looked like: It felt like: It sounded like: It smelled like: pu must think long and hard about this! The prompt 2 |

Step 10:ATTENTION GRABBER:

NOTES: Personal Narratives are typically written in 1st person, include plenty of meaningful dialogue, sensory details and descriptions (adjectives and adverbs) THE WRITER MUST ACTUALLY BE IN THE STORY AND REALLY SHOW, NOT TELL the EXERIENCE, and written in active voice (**NO "TO BE VERBS**"). The story must not be "made up" and IS ULTIMATELY DESIGNED TO ENTERTAIN THE READER!!!!!