

Name: _____ Period: _____ Peer Editor: _____

Personal Narrative Self Check -

_____ 1) Does the introduction have an interesting start?

_____ 2) Does the introduction hint at the event's significance without giving much away (does it build suspense)?

_____ 3) Is the piece written in chronological order?

_____ 4) Are transitional words used to add smoothness to the reading experience?

_____ 5) Grammar Check:

_____ Is everything in first person?

_____ Is the tense consistent throughout?

_____ Are there any run-ons/fragments?

_____ Is there any incorrect/missing comma usage, etc.?

_____ Are there any other basic grammar errors? (Spelling, etc.)

_____ Read each sentence out loud. Does each sentence make sense?

_____ 6) Does the conclusion have any plot in it? It shouldn't.

_____ 7) Does the conclusion clearly explain the significance and importance of the event?

_____ 8) Make sure your writing "shows" and doesn't "tell." Change any sentences that "tell" to "showing."

_____ 9) Replace 3 or 4 words with synonyms that are more descriptive, sophisticated, or specific.

_____ 10) If your piece has dialog, is it formatted correctly?

_____ 11) If your piece has internal monolog, is it formatted correctly?

_____ 12) Highlight each "I" in your story. Have you included it too many times? If so, substitute a better structure.

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Personal Narrative Peer Check –

1. Read the entire piece, marking any spelling and grammar errors.
2. This piece is interesting enough to make people want to read all the way through.

Agree Disagree

Notes: _____

3. This piece reveals an effective amount of thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

Agree Disagree

Notes: _____

4. This piece effectively uses sensory details to help the reader visualize everything going on.

Agree Disagree

Notes: _____

5. Best parts of this piece:

6. Areas needing work: