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**Personal Narrative Performance Task**

Write an **autobiographical narrative** based on a **challenge or choice** in your life that follows a logical sequence. Include a conclusion that **reflects** on the significance (importance) of the experience. (7W.3a-e, 7W.4-6, 7W.10)

Students will have some class time for writing, revising, and editing. However, some of the work must be completed at home. All work is on Google docs. If a student does not have access to a computer or internet at home, he or she must inform Ms. Tanyu to receive alternative instructions (including the potential to handwrite).

**Important Dates and Deadlines (deadlines in grey)**

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| **Activity or Assignment** | **Date** | **Completed?** |
| First attempt at writing narrative | 9/17/15 |  |
| In-class work-time  (with teacher conferences and/or peer review) | 10/2/15 |  |
| Second draft due (focus on improving 1 component) | 10/6/15 |  |
| In-class work-time  (with teacher conferences and/or peer review) | 10/8/15 |  |
| Third draft due (focus on improving entire piece) | 10/13/15 |  |
| In-class work-time  (with teacher conferences and/or peer review) | 10/15/15 |  |
| In-class work-time with a focus on editing  (with teacher conferences and/or peer review) | 10/21/15 |  |
| Final draft due | 10/27/15  (or sooner) |  |

**Resource**

Use pages 178-182 in the red Language of Literature textbook (“A View from the Outside” model essay).

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Narrative Checklist**

**Did I…**

* write about a challenge or choice in my life?
* use descriptive details and sensory language so my readers can visualize and feel what I saw and felt?
* spend time writing more details for the most important parts?
* include dialogue?
* write in the correct sequence (order in which the events took place)?
* use transition words so the story moves smoothly?
* write a conclusion that explains why I thought this experience was important?
* use interesting words?
* write complete sentences?
* use correct capitalization and spelling?
* use correct punctuation?
* read aloud my narrative (to myself) at least 4 times?