

Personal Narrative (memoir)

A. description

- basic info
- keep it ~~short~~ short

W's: who
what
where
when
how

B. interpretation

- how you saw it
- how your heart felt

Why

C. Outcome = now
means → = going forward

result:

learned
developed
grown
understand
are able to

• Me
• Who I
Am

Personal Narrative - Memoir

A.

①

We want to remember and

We want someone to witness what life was like for us.

Thesis

② When something happens, what is our first reaction?

tell someone → narrate

③ Why?

Worth repeating and

want someone to laugh, sympathize, call to action, * feel the way we did *

Event:

- great
- tragic
- painful
- difficult
- haunting
- anger
- disappointment
- amazement

gift: We find out others feel the way we do: "You do that too?!"

* Value of memories = value of life

This is who you are!

B.

Share the "truth" of your
experience

your story
your feelings

Why this
memory?

accurate? Maybe
Maybe not

Why this
"photo"?

↓
inventing the truth

↓
your perspective
is all that matters

* Memoir = what happened *

+
your heart and your head

current:
biases
beliefs
capability

Make meaning of the past

from
the perspective of the present

*



Reflection = power of the
memoir

↓
on life with
the passing of time

C. Joining:

What happened

(this particular memory) → Why do you remember?
How did you see it?
How can you explain it?

D. Realizing:

What does this mean to me now?

What have I learned?

Outcome: Could be encouraging ✓

Could be devastating ✓

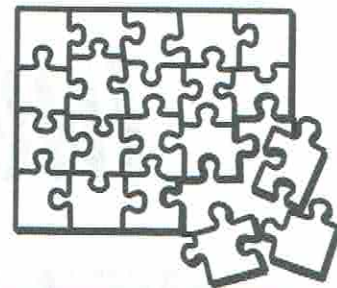
The truth is found in what

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Meaning/interpretation

Using:

The future → What can I/should I
do with what I
now understand/know *

Bold Beginnings - Memoir



ACTION

DIALOGUE

A THOUGHT, A QUESTION, OR FEELING

(What might you be thinking or feeling?)

A SOUND EFFECT

(What sounds might you hear?)