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Starbucks Writing Cafe Personal Narrative Writing Checklist

Extra Foam Introduction:

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| 1. Choose a hook: | 2. Introduce the reader: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Question | <input type="checkbox"/> Who |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surprise | <input type="checkbox"/> What |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Descriptive | <input type="checkbox"/> When |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Where |

Full Body Espresso

1. Write the events of your story using transition words.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> To begin | <input type="checkbox"/> Next | <input type="checkbox"/> Finally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First | <input type="checkbox"/> Then | <input type="checkbox"/> At last |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At first | <input type="checkbox"/> After that | <input type="checkbox"/> To conclude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At the beginning | <input type="checkbox"/> Suddenly | <input type="checkbox"/> To sum it up |

2. Use sensory details and dialogue.

What did it

- ☐ Look like
- ☐ Sound like
- ☐ Smell like
- ☐ Feel like

☐ What did people say?

“Remember to use the correct punctuation!” the teacher said.

Caramel Conclusion

Choose your conclusion style

- ☐ Cliffhanger: leaves the reader wanting more, wondering what happened
- ☐ Warm and fuzzy: Leaves the reader feeling good inside.
- ☐ Lesson Learned: “that day I learned...”
- ☐ Vivid image: ends with an important scene
- ☐ Humor: Ends with something funny someone said or did

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Personal Narrative Rubric

	1	2	3
The Introduction paragraph uses a hook and fully introduces the story to the reader.	There is an introduction, but it does not include a hook or introduce the story.	Introduction uses a hook, but does not fully introduce the story.	Introduction uses a hook to capture attention and fully introduces the who what, when, where of the story.
The body paragraph tells events in time order using transition words and at least 3 sensory details.	There is a body paragraph that includes events in time order.	The body paragraph uses transition words to tell events in time order and there are some sensory details.	Events are told in time order using a variety of transition words and at least three sensory details are present.
The conclusion paragraph wraps up the story using a conclusion style.	There is a conclusion paragraph, but it does not wrap up (end) the story.	The conclusion wraps up the story, but does not use one of the styles provided.	The conclusion wraps up the story using one of the styles provided.
Punctuation and capitalization	There are 5 or more mistakes.	There are 4 or less mistakes.	There are three or less mistakes.

Final Grade (completed by teacher)

Introduction	Body	Conclusion	Punctuation & capitalization	Total points out of 12