

# FSPS Personal Narrative Writing Criteria- Grade 6

## Writing Criteria: A

### Key Skills and Understanding

**CC.W.6.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.**

**Narrative Writing - Personal:** Personal Narratives are first person stories about events we have experienced in our lives.

### Grade 6

#### Ideas/Research

Generates ideas

Focuses on an event or sequence of events

Provides factual information

Organizes ideas and plans writing

Includes engaging related details

Lists/cites sources

#### Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that relates closely to the narrative

Organizes a well-structured event sequence that unfolds logically and naturally

Includes an engaging lead that introduces a narrator and/or introduces characters

Relates an event or sequence of events in time order

Has a conclusion that clearly follows and reflects on the narrated events (closure)

Uses dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters

#### Language Style

Uses purposeful and varied sentence structures

Uses first person for personal narratives

Uses third person for informational narratives

Uses powerful words and phrases, vivid descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events

Uses consistent verb tense

Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 96), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

## Mentor Text

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1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>
2. [http://writingfix.com/genres/narrative.htm#mentor texts](http://writingfix.com/genres/narrative.htm#mentor%20texts)
3. <http://www.kdl.org/categories/subcategory/193>

## Student Exemplars

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1. <http://holm.dpsk12.org/schools/holm/student-work/personal-narratives/>
2. [http://www.ttms.org/PDFs/03%20Writing%20Samples%20v001%20\(Full\).pdf](http://www.ttms.org/PDFs/03%20Writing%20Samples%20v001%20(Full).pdf)

## Lesson Resources

### Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. [http://msmcclore.com/?page\\_id=945](http://msmcclore.com/?page_id=945)
2. <http://lessonplanspage.com/lawritingpersonalnarrativeswithconceptmaps49-hm/>
3. <https://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=577523>

### Rubrics:

1. <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/sites/drhodes/Documents/Personal%20Narrative%20Rubric.pdf>

### Graphic Organizers:

1. [http://mysite.cherokee.k12.ga.us/personal/karen\\_brooks/site/LA%20worksheets/1/personal%20narrative%20graphic%20organizer.pdf](http://mysite.cherokee.k12.ga.us/personal/karen_brooks/site/LA%20worksheets/1/personal%20narrative%20graphic%20organizer.pdf)
2. <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=554621>
3. <http://mskoppewriting.weebly.com/making-a-graphic-organizer.html>

### Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann