Tips for Writing a Personal Narrative Essay

Writing an engaging personal narrative essay requires you to focus on both the key points of information to be conveyed as well as the many details which make the narrative essay interesting.

Writing an Impactful Personal Narrative Essay

A personal narrative essay is about a personal experience, so it is usually written in the first person. To maximize its impact, the essay should:

* Be written to have an emotional impact on the reader
* Include a lot of references to sensory perceptions and emotions
* Use vivid details and imagery

Structure of the Essay

* The opening of the essay needs to let the reader know the essence of what you will be describing and your point of view.
* The body of the story needs to give the reader a very clear idea of what happened and how you (the author) feel about that. The story can be told chronologically or the facts may be grouped by importance or type.
* The final paragraph needs to wrap up and state the point of the story, whether it is a lesson, an idea, or just a learning experience.

Writing the Essay

Writing a good narrative essay requires you to include interesting information in an engaging way. Here are some [tips](http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/style-and-usage/tips-for-writing-essays.html):

* Record yourself telling the story. That will help your organize your story and make the writing flow.
* Include anecdotes and dialogue in the essay.
* Use transitory words to connect sentences like: therefore, however, or for example.
* Vary the structure of your sentences to make the writing more interesting. Try adding some compound, complex, or interrogative sentences.
* Make the words lively, descriptive, exciting, active, emotional, and precise.

Example of Narrative Writing

Here is an [example](http://www.yourdictionary.com/grammar/examples/essay-examples.html) of writing used in a personal narrative essay. Notice the tone and words that set the mood. You can almost feel the heat and humidity.

“It was the middle of springtime and across from my house where the incident took place. There was a lake there in which my brother and I loved to explore from time to time. The humidity and water drops where reminiscent of a fully functional sauna. The onslaught of heat and burning glow of the sun was relentless.”

\*\*Read more at http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/grammar-rules-and-tips/tips-for-writing-a-personal-narrative-essay.html#a8tAsO6eRzGUXbVV.99