Mentor Texts

to teach children about personal narratives

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
Bigmama’s by Donald Crews
When I was your Age by Amy Erlich
What you Know First by Patriccia Maclachlin
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant
Every Friday by Dan Yaccarino
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
Shortcut by Donald Crews
Night Shift Daddy by Eileen Spinelli
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
 Roller Coaster by Marla Frazee
Salt Hands by Jane Chelsea Aragon
Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems
Shortcut by Donald Crews
Fireflies by Judy Brinckloe
The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
Saturday and Teacakes by Lester Laminach
The Leaving Morning by Angela Johnson
Mrs. Mack by Patricia Polacco
Coat of Many Colors by Dolly

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Personal Narratives

Noticings

• Main characters use I and me (first person point of view)
• The story really happened
• The characters are real
• Events are realistic
• Details help me see what happened
• Events are in an order that makes sense
• There is a beginning, middle and end
• I see quotation marks to show when characters are talking
• The illustrations show what is happening

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I can find the personal narrative!

This book is a personal narrative: ____________________________

The author is: ____________________________

I know it is a personal narrative because...

This book is not a personal narrative: ____________________________

The author is: ____________________________

I know it is not a personal narrative because...
My Memories

Favorite things my family does

Places I have gone

Birthday parties

Holidays

New things I have learned

Other important memories

Name: ___________________________
Planning My Story
Directions: Use pictures and words to show your story.

My topic is:

Beginning

Middle

End
Authors Use Rich Words and Phrases

The words I hear are:

What I see in my head...
Temporal Words
Time Order Words

- First
- Second
- Third
- Next
- Then
- Last
- In the end
- Finally
- Soon
- Eventually
- Meanwhile
- Later
- After that
- First of all
- From then on
- In the meantime
- In the end
- In addition
- Not a moment too soon
- Up until that time
- One day
- At last
- Ultimately
- Later on
- Right after
- As soon as
- All of a sudden

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Quotation Marks

Quotation marks are used to show what the characters are saying out loud.

I am going to draw a turtle.

What will you make?

“What will you make?” Leisa asked Braden. Braden answered, “I am going to draw a turtle.”
Ideas for Powerful Endings

• Something surprising
• Ask a question
• Exclamation
• Something funny
• Lesson learned or moral
• Share a strong emotion
Name: ____________________________

Powerful Words I will Use

Write your words here...

Draw a picture to show the main character in the story.
Powerful Words
Adjectives
Don’t Forget to Capitalize!

- At the beginning of sentences
- Names of people and pets
- The letter “I”
- Names of places
- Names of holidays
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Congrats Author!

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is being recognized for writing
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Teacher: _____________________
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