

# PROJECT 1 – ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Personal Narrative: Memoir/Reflection (100 points)

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## DESCRIPTION

For project 1, you will write a memoir/reflection type of personal narrative in which you tell a story about yourself. You may choose to tell of your earliest or happiest memory, your proudest moment, of when your life changed or similar theme.

Memoirs and reflections are part of a subgenre of the narrative genre. Our book discusses these as part of writing to share experiences (Chapter 5). Pay particular attention to the rhetorical considerations listed on page 80 and the qualities of effective writing on pages 81-82. Further, your textbook walks you through a process of writing this type of paper (invention, organizing, constructing a draft, revising, editing and format) on pages 93-102.

Remember that narratives tell stories, develop characters, give details and make points. You must consider your purpose and audience, while choosing a manageable angle and appropriate structure. Your broad purpose is to tell a story about yourself; more specifically, your purpose will be dependent upon the theme or angle you choose. Your audience is me, your instructor. Using first person is acceptable; using figurative language (e.g., similes and metaphors) and active (rather than passive) voice is encouraged. Remember that dialogue can bring your story to life!

## DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

All drafts and the final of this project should be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point standard font, with one (1) inch margins on all sides. Your project paper should be no less than two (2) complete pages in length (and no more than four (4)). Your reflection should be on its own page and stapled to the back of your project paper. Use your book to determine how to format a paper using MLA (see pages 573-579). Sources are not required for this paper; however, if you use any information outside of yourself, you should cite your sources using MLA documentation.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION

Mon	Jan 30	Draft 1 due	20 points
Fri	Feb 10	Draft for In-Class Peer Review	10 points
Mon	Feb 13	Final Project 1 due	50 points
Mon	Feb 13	Reflection	20 points

NOTE THAT items are due in hard copy at the beginning of class on the date listed above. Be sure to save every version of your project as a different computer file (you will need all drafts and final products of projects for your final portfolio).

See also Project 1 Narrative Rubric.