

Essay Assignment: Reflecting on an Experience

Assignment: Respond to ONE of the following prompts in a thorough, well-organized essay of at least 600 words (4 to 6 paragraphs). Be sure to select **one event** to recount as the main action of your paper (the struggle). The essay should use vivid descriptive language to recreate the experience.

Due Dates:

Preliminary Writing Assignment Worksheet and Outline due: _____

- Outline should have the five narrative elements discussed in class

Descriptive Prewriting Worksheet due: _____

Submission Folder due: _____

Submission folder should include all of the following:

- Final draft
- Submission note
- Rough draft, with editing marks
- Descriptive prewriting worksheet
- Thesis worksheet and outline

Choose ONE of the following topics and write a NARRATIVE essay that recreates the event and communicates a main idea:

1. **A childhood event.** Describe an experience when you learned something for the first time, or when you realized how important someone was for you.
2. **Achieving a goal.** Describe a particularly meaningful achievement in your life. This could be something as seemingly minor as achieving a good grade on a difficult assignment, or this could be something with more long-lasting effects, like getting the job you desired or getting into the best school to which you applied.
3. **A failure.** Describe a time when you did not perform as well as you had wanted. Focusing on an experience like this can result in rewarding reflections about the positive emerging from the negative.
4. **A good or bad deed.** Describe a time when you did or did not stand up for yourself or someone else in the face of adversity or challenge.