

Narrative Anchor Assignment

“Good stories occur everywhere and can be told about anything. They are as likely to occur in your own neighborhood as in some exotic locale. Potential stories happen daily; what makes potential stories actual stories is putting them into language, recounting them, orally or in writing. Good stories are entertaining, informative, lively, and believable; they will mean something to those who write them as well as to those who read them.”

-Professor Tammy Bob, College of DuPage

Your task for this personal narrative is to craft a story that conveys an important life lesson that you have learned. This narrative should be **no longer than three pages** and should focus on the following characteristics:

- Point of view
- Dialogue
- Characterization
- Tone

For this assignment, you will compose a narrative that you believe conveys an important lesson to readers. You may choose any of the entries in your Writer’s Notebook to expand, or you may compose a new piece. Please remember that you will be reading and discussing these in peer review groups, so choose something you are willing to share. Regardless of your choice, your writing must have a clear purpose (conveying the lesson) and be appropriate for your selected audience (your teacher, your classmates, and anyone else you choose).

One of the requirements for your final draft is that it be printed in MLA format. Below you will find a model for the first page of an MLA paper and a checklist of formatting items.

The top of your first page should look like the sample below:

How to Format Your MLA Paper:

- _____ Name, teacher’s name, course title, and date in the UL corner
- _____ Your last name and page number in the UR corner
- _____ Title centered, just under the date line, **not** in bold or underlined
- _____ All lines double spaced—no additional spaces between any sections
- _____ One-inch margins all the way around the page
- _____ All font is 12 pt. size, Times New Roman or Calibri

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<p>Joe Smith Mrs. Spaman English 9 1 October 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Title of My Paper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be sure to indent as you normally would at the start of a new paragraph. Every line of text on the page should be double-spaced, but do not include additional spaces between any part of the text. Use 12 pt. font for all text, including your title. Choose either Times New Roman or Calibri for your font style.</p>