

Project: Working on Your Own Work in Progress

Write a full narrative description of an event in your memory; you may write a prose piece or a poem. A prose piece must be at least 150 words and a poem should be at least seventy-five to one hundred words. No description should be over five hundred words.

Make sure that your work reflects the tips for writing a narrative description. Use literary devices where appropriate. You may use imagery, symbolism, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, understatement, sarcasm...

PreWriting Activities

Pick something memorable from your past...

The memory could be funny, sad, a moment of triumph, a moment of embarrassment, a moment of pride, a moment of shame, a moment of great happiness... The key is to find something that really stands out in your memory. Usually memories that are tied to a strong emotion work best.

Once you've picked the memory you'll need to explain:

Where it takes place- fully describe the setting

Who was there- introduce us to your characters; what can you tell us about their personalities?

When it happened- make sure the time period is clear... were you five? Was this a month ago?

Why it happened- make it clear what lead to these events

What happened- you need to use lots of details to bring the event to life... dialogue helps you do this

How it happened- again, clearly describe what went on. What was said? What was going on in your mind? Really describe your thoughts and feelings - let us into your brain!!!