

Sample Brainstorming Page

Directions: Think about your life and some of the moments that stand out to you. Generate at least three possible incidents from your life that you could turn into a narrative. Jot ideas in each column:

- Incident: In general, what was the incident that occurred? (What would you call your narrative?)
- Sequence of Events: What happened first, next, then, and last? Use objective language to describe four to six specific moments of how the action unfolded.
- Perspectives: Who is telling the story? Who else was there who could tell their side? What qualities does each person or character possess that would make their experience unique?

Incident	Sequence of Events	Perspectives
Soccer Game	Elaina becomes goalie Teams cheer Jade sets up penalty kick Jade kicks Elaina misses Jade's team celebrates	Me (Elaina) Freshman Only played goalie once before Don't like to lose
		Jade (the girl on the other team) Senior Played on soccer team all of high school Doesn't like to lose
Poetry Slam	People present their poems Some good poems, some bad poems Elaina takes the stage to present Whole room + Elaina = totally silent Avery tries to encourage Elaina Elaina runs away!	Me (Elaina) Poet Never read to an audience before Sometimes get stage fright
		Avery (my friend) Loves to read and listen to poetry Loves to support my friends Doesn't love public speaking

Talent Show	<p>Elaina takes the stage Elaina performs her original piano piece Audience gives standing ovation Other students perform Time for judging/results Elaina wins!</p>	<p>Me (Elaina)</p> <p>Love to write and play music → always practicing Want to make family proud Get super nervous in front of crowds</p>
		<p>My dad</p> <p>Life-long musician So proud of my talented daughter, taught her everything I know about music Would do anything to support her</p>