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Personal Narrative Structure

Exposition - Set the scene: When and where does the story start? What background information does the reader need to know? - What details will you include in this part of the story? - What were you thinking or feeling?	- Hotel room on August 4, 2014 - First day of high school in a new state - Nervous - Needed to find the perfect outfit for first day of school - Wooden hangers, cramped hotel closet - Background information about having moved a lot and starting at new schools
Rising Action - What events lead up to the most important moment? - What details will you include in this part of your story? - What were you thinking or feeling?	- Chose Target dress - Soft cotton and ruffle shoulders - Felt powerful while stepping off the bus and heading to room 1136 - Jaw dropped when I entered class
Climax - What is the most intense or important moment of the story? - What details will you include in this part of your story? - What were you thinking or feeling?	- Mrs. Hutfilz was wearing the same dress - Felt shocked and embarrassed - Head down and tiptoed to desk - Felt nervous and a sense of dread as I began to introduce myself to the class
Falling Action - What happens immediately after the climax/what are the consequences of the climax? - What details will you include in this part of the story? - What were you thinking or feeling?	- Mrs. Hutfilz joked that she liked my style - Students looked up from phones to pay attention - Anxiety went away
Resolution - How does the story resolve? - What details will you include in this part of your story? - What were you thinking or feeling?	- Made a joke about being stylish like Mrs. Hutfilz - Smile grew, giggled with classmates - Stayed behind to talk to teacher and made a connection with her
Conclusion—Reflect on why this moment is significant to you: - Did you learn something about yourself? - Did you learn a larger moral or lesson about the world around you?	- High school is meant to be fun - It is not worth wasting time stressing about little things