

Assignment Write an autobiographical essay about an event that changed you in a significant way. Include these elements:

- a plan for writing that addresses purpose and audience
- a clear sequence of events from your life using well-chosen details and description
- a central conflict, problem, or shift in perspective
- precise words that indicate the event's significance or your attitude toward the event
- consistent use of first-person point of view
- correct use of pronouns and punctuation of dialogue
- include reactions and reflections in your essay
- use flashback as an introduction technique
- describe your memorable event using descriptive language
- return to the flashback in the conclusion
- follow the 5 steps of the Writing Process (Prewriting/Planning, Drafting, Revising/Peer Review, Editing/Correcting, Publishing)

Remember:

You need a “grabber sentence” as the first sentence of your essay. This will get the reader’s attention.

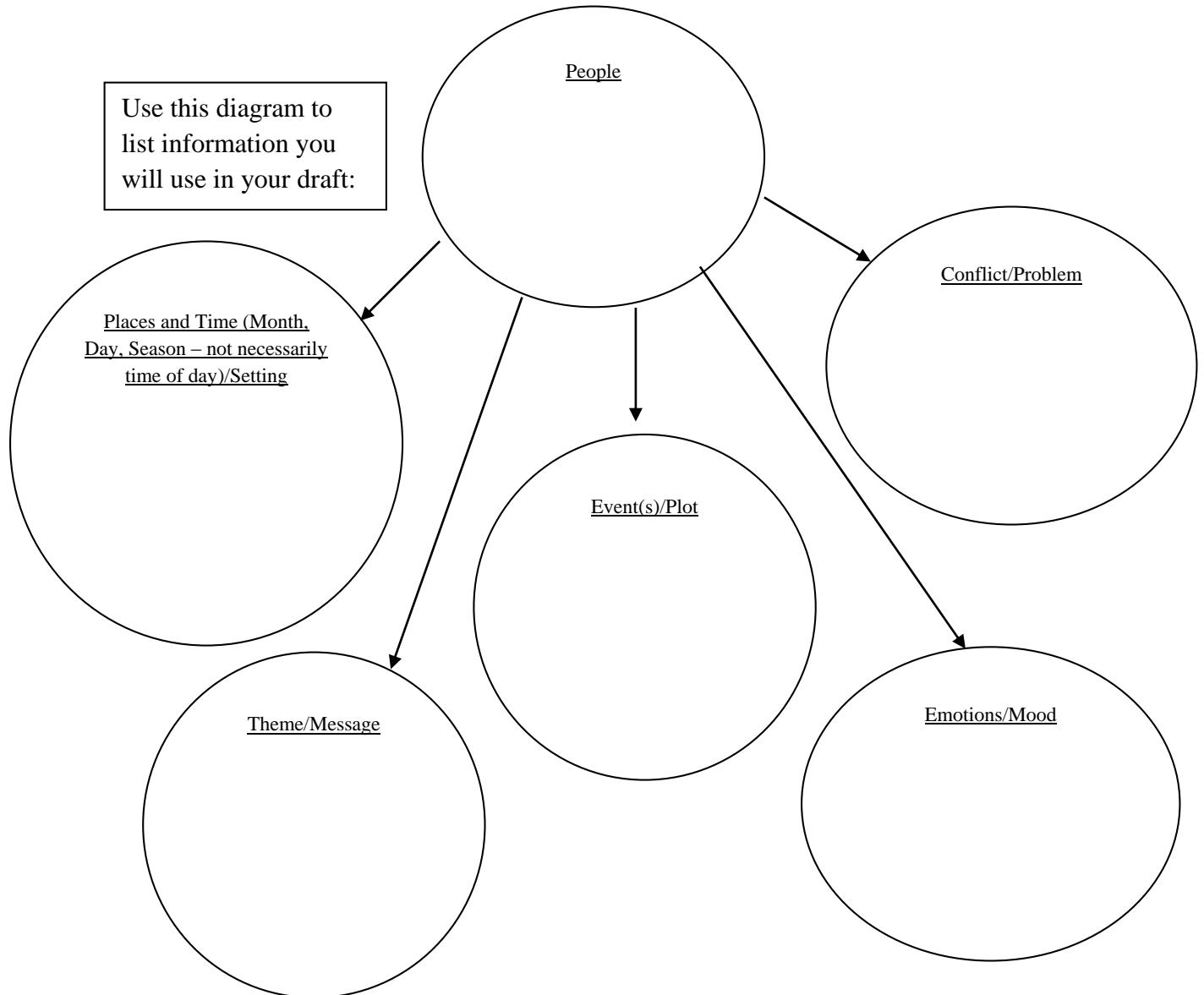
Your introduction needs to include a flashback to the event.

Each body paragraph needs a topic sentence, supporting details and a transition sentence to the next paragraph.

Your conclusion should again mention the flashback and then finish with a strong ending.

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Planning Part I: You are writing about a significant event. Include information such as the following:



Remember:

Use sensory language in your narrative. This means that you use words that appeal to a reader's senses (sight, taste, touch, smell, sound). For example, read the following sentences:

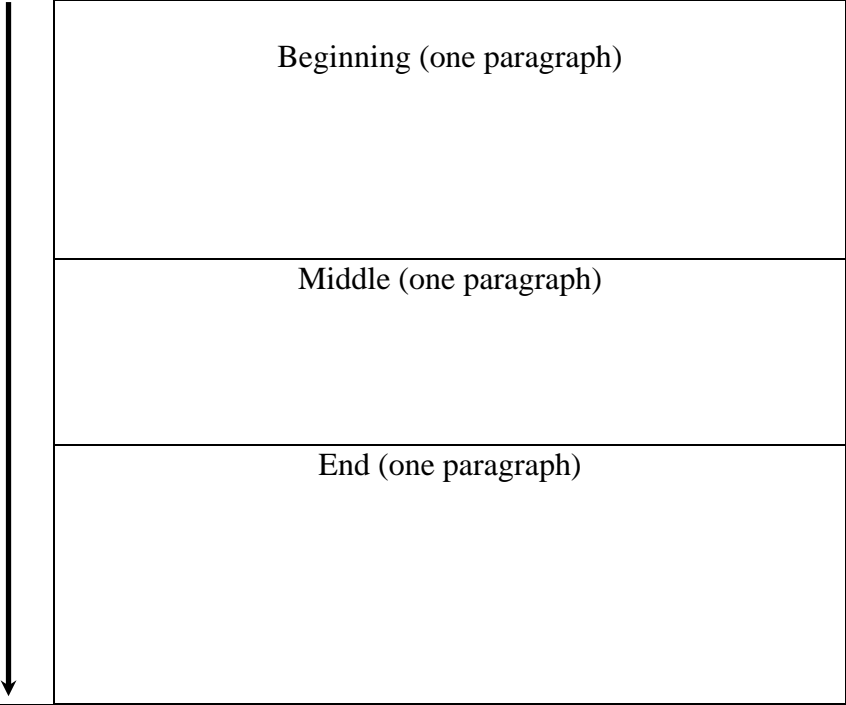
*The cool morning sun cast long fingers of shadow and light across the green field as our visitors tramped across the rough and dewy grass.*

OR

*Morning came and the people arrived.*

Although both sentences share the same information, the first sentence is much more descriptive.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Narrative Planning Guide Part II (Must be completed and submitted as the planning part of the writing process.) Remember: You are writing in the First Person Point of View!

<p>You need a title:</p>	
<p>You need to let readers know what you plan to explain. (This is your opening paragraph.) Include flashback in your introduction.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>You need to write your story in chronological order (the order in which events happened).</p> <p>Write notes about what you plan to put in each paragraph. You don't need to write the paragraphs here, just jot down notes.</p>	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Beginning (one paragraph)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle (one paragraph)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">End (one paragraph)</p> </div>
<p>You need to remind readers of your topic and message (this is your closing paragraph). Refer again to the flashback you mentioned in the introduction.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>