

Mr. Whiteman -- 8th Grade Language Arts
Personal Narrative Assignment "Sandlot"

- Reminder: Personal = (having to do with oneself) Narrative = telling a story
- So: Personal Narrative = telling a story about yourself (genre = nonfiction)

- Because it is a story about you, it is written in 1st person, meaning you will use pronouns like "I, we, us, me"...

- FOCUS is the key... FOCUS your writing on ONE specific EVENT... Do NOT try to tell your whole life story... Capture the moment! Think 15 minutes..

- Your intro must "immerse the reader in the situation"... We have discussed and practiced several strategies to use here. Choose one (see packet)

Assignment: The movie *Sandlot* successfully captures the essence of childhood. It depicts the carefree summer days of our adolescence in a way that is both relatable and nostalgic. Think about your favorite summer childhood memories. Choose one (very specific) event or memory and write a personal narrative (1.5 pages double spaced)...

Your PN should:

1. Use one of the intro/opening strategies we discussed
2. Use vivid verbs and descriptive adjectives to enhance imagery
3. Tell a story in a chronological and clear way
4. Conclude with a lesson learned