# Write a Personal Narrative

- ➤ A **personal narrative** reflects on experiences and feelings. You will write a **personal narrative** about an important decision in your life.
- > For full assignment description, see p.303-306 in online textbook

# Personal Narrative A personal narrative tells about an experience in a person's life.

# **Outline for Personal Narrative**

\*\*\*Note: A paragraph should be at least 5 sentences.\*\*\*

### **Introduction (1 paragraph)**

- Your first words should be engaging and captivating! Grab the reader's attention!
- Clearly establish the situation, setting, and first-person point of view

# Body (2-10 paragraphs)

- Tell about a memorable experience or time in your life and an important decision you made.
- Describe the setting (where and when your story takes place).
- Organize events in a sequence. (Use words like first, second, next, then, finally)
- Use descriptive details.
- Tell about your personal feelings about thoughts.
- Use sensory imagery and figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, etc.)

### **Conclusion (1 paragraph)**

- Summarize the experience.
- Reflect on your decision and experience. Tell what you learned from making the decision you made, or tell how this decision has had or will impact your future. If you did not write about a decision, then tell why the experience you wrote about was significant to you.

