

Writing Station

Personal Narrative – A Special Place

1. Read the book *Up Home* by Shauntay Grant. She describes a special place in her life.
2. Look in your Writing Folder at your list of special places that you created during Writer's Workshop.
3. Choose 1 of the places that are special to you. (You can add more places to your list if you want)

4. Think about something you have done at this place – a personal experience.
5. Choose 1 small moment and play the movie in your mind. What happened?
6. Tell a classmate about your experience.

Your classmate's job is to tell you something that they like about your story and to ask you a question about your story. (Possible sentence starters for question: Tell me more about ... Why ... How... Who... What...

That is a watermelon story. What small moment in your story could you focus on to create a seed story?

7. Create a quick sketch strip (pictures and/or words) that organizes your ideas into the order in which they occurred. (Think about your conversation with your classmate)
8. Tell another friend your story. Add more details this time.

Your friend's job is to tell you something that they like about your story and to ask you a question about your story. (Possible sentence starters for question: Tell me more about ... Why ... How... Who... What ...

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You may want to make some revisions or add to your brainstorm?

9. Begin writing your rough draft. Remember to check the chart: Qualities of a Good Personal Narrative.

10. When you are finished share your story with a friend.

11. Read the Revise chart and revise your story.

12. Read the Edit chart and edit your story.