

# Personal Narrative Assignment

## Writing About a Role Model

*Due Date: Friday, September 10*

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- For this assignment, you must write a minimum of 3 paragraphs, the purpose of which is to **persuade your reader that your choice of a role model is correct.**
- **Choose a person you consider to be a role model.** This person can be a famous or a local person, with or without a name (i.e. a fireman). “I don’t have a role model” is NOT an option. Choose someone you look up to who you think other teenagers should also look up to. **Your choice must have done something worth writing about.**
- Once you have chosen the person you will write about, **explain why this person is your role model.** Discuss the qualities/characteristics/actions of your role model. Tell the reader about something specific this person has done and use details. Describe the type of person he/she is and/or how he/she makes you feel. Use persuasive techniques, such as supporting your ideas with statistics, facts, evidence, prediction, experience, comparison, repetition, emotional appeal, etc. The main purpose of the essay is to **persuade the reader to see your point/agree with you, and for the reader to understand why and how this person is your role model.** Yes, this is a bit challenging, because while your feelings should come through, you also need to convince your reader that your choice is valid.
- Remember, a good paragraph has at least 7 complete and well written sentences. You should use many details, adjectives and descriptive phrases. However, avoid words like “good,” “great,” and “nice”: WHAT is so good, great, and/or nice ABOUT the person, SPECIFICALLY? Incorporate transitions!
- This assignment can be hand-written or typed; first person can be used. Remember to include the proper heading and, if you type it, follow typing requirements. Proofread for spelling and grammar. If you handwrite, please write legibly.

Your narrative assignment will be worth 100 points and assessed according to the rubric on the back of this page...please write your name on the rubric and hand it in with your assignment. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Ocone today. Have fun and write a quality assignment!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Rubric

REQUIREMENTS: Contains all notes, drafts  
Instructions followed. 2 4 6 8 10

FOCUS: Your narrative statement clearly  
establishes its central idea in its  
opening paragraph, and maintains its focus  
throughout the essay. Each paragraph is  
logically linked to the main idea, and  
all sentences within the paragraph  
serve to develop and maintain the focus. 4 8 12 16 20

CONVENTIONS: Your narrative  
statement is written in grammatically  
correct English; it has no spelling or  
grammatical errors; it shows good  
understanding of the structure of a good  
sentence and paragraph. 2 4 6 8 10

ORGANIZATION: Your ideas follow  
and relate to each other in a logical  
and effective way. Information is  
organized within the sentence and  
paragraph for maximum effectiveness. 4 8 12 16 20

INSIGHT: The degree to which you show  
insight into your theme. Your  
narrative statement explores your  
subject in all its complexity, and you have  
clearly included a persuasive technique. 4 8 12 16 20

PROCESS: Refers to evidence of revision,  
planning and careful work (e.g. does it  
look like it was created or written at the  
last minute?) Did you follow the  
writing process? 2 4 6 8 10

BENCHMARK: Quality of work in relation  
to what I expect you to be able to do  
in class at this time on such an assignment. 2 4 6 8 10

TOTAL SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ / 100

COMMENTS: