Personal Narrative Revision Checklist

Once you are done writing it is time to revise. This is a short checklist of what you need to have in your writing before you write the final draft. If you can’t find one of the items listed here, find a way to add it to your writing now.

Revision: Go back to your writing. Find and label each item with a highlighter or colored pencil and check the box with that same color.

☐ Strong Leads
  • A strong beginning that makes the reader want to keep reading
  • Dialogue, action, details about a character, etc...

☐ Vivid Verbs
  • Use strong verbs to make your writing better
  Change verbs to make them stronger: run ⇒ sprint, talked ⇒ blurted

☐ Dialogue
  • Let your characters speak. Use dialogue to bring your characters to life.

☐ Vivid Images
  • Sensory details
  • Your reader can see and hear what is happening

☐ Strong Ending
  • Leave an impression on your reader
  • Tell a lesson, a feeling or a reflection