

English 1101/ Hall

Formal Essay #1 Remembered Event

MLA Format: see Writer's Handbook

Length: 2-3 pages

Topic: Create a narrative about a compelling event in your life, one that portrays some sort of significance and discloses something unique about you and your life or about life in general.

Theme: you may choose a life lesson, a serious social issue, a tragedy, or something entertaining and/or humorous. What your narrative must do is create and convey meaning using the following narrative techniques:

1. Arouse Curiosity → → **Introduction**
somehow "hook" the reader
larger cultural significance
(why is this of interest to us)

2. Build Suspense → → **Body Paragraphs**
Word Choice, Naming, Detailing
Description: play to our 5 senses

Create Specific Narrative Action

Prepositions for movement
Action verbs
Time cues (temporal transitions)
Similes and metaphors
Dialogue

3. Complete the Action → **Make a Point**
expressing mean by contrasting
feelings over time—then and now.