

Narrative Essay Assignment

Essay Prompt: Write about a time that you discovered you were capable of something you didn't know you could do.

Essay Requirements:

1. Essay must be written in Narrative format, utilizing a first person point-of-view. ("I" is acceptable in this essay only.) Essay should progress logically through some form of chronological story-telling that relates the event you have chosen to describe.
2. Essay must have a main idea or thesis around which your story revolves. Because this is a narrative, you do not need to have 3-prongs; simply a main point or application your story illustrates. Be sure that this application is clearly set up in your introduction in the form of a basic thesis statement. Your thesis may include a lesson you learned from this experience, a recurring theme that you encountered during your experience, or some other form of application around which your story is built.
3. Your narrative should provide the supporting details necessary to effectively demonstrate your thesis, and should build naturally toward this main point/application as the story progresses. Be sure to use adequate sensory details (from the 5 senses), as well as introspective/emotional descriptions of how the experience impacted you.
4. Essay must use ALL 3 RHETORICAL DEVICES (ethos, pathos, logos). Use each device at least once, but you may use them more than once if desired. These rhetorical devices should blend in seamlessly with your essay and should not feel forced; they should function effectively to persuade the reader to buy in to your story – to feel, think, or believe as you did.
5. Essay should be 5 to 7 paragraphs long, and should meet or exceed all requirements on Rubric.

Due Dates:

Week 1: Thesis and Outline due; one-to-one meetings with instructor in class to discuss.

Date due:

Week 2: Rough Draft due. **Date due:**

Week 3: Graded rough drafts will be returned. **Date due:**

Week 4: Final Draft due. **Date due:**

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