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Personal Narrative Checklist

The underlined codes **MUST** be used in the margins of your writing piece!

Focus/Purpose:

- I made my writing clear and interesting.**
- Det:** I included many **details** and examples, writing more than one sentence about each idea. How many? _____
- EM:** I zoomed in on a small, **essential moment** (the top of the story mountain) that slows the story down and tells every detail of the most important part of the story. How many lines long is it? _____
- Dia:** I added **dialogue** (talking) between the characters in my story. How many times? _____
- Act:** I added **action** as it was happening in my story. How many times? _____

Organization:

- I move smoothly between a beginning, middle and end.**
- Tr:** I use **transition words** to move smoothly between ideas and paragraphs throughout the entire story. How many? _____
- Lead:** I wrote an effective **lead at the beginning** that gets the reader interested in my story.
What is it? _____
- End:** I wrote an **effective ending** that tells how I felt about the time I wrote about and leaves the reader thinking about the point/lesson.
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Style & Voice:

- I used **effective word choice** and **varied my sentences**.
- PW**: I used **powerful words** and switched weak words with stronger words (word choice). How many? _____
- 5S**: I used my **five senses** to make my story real to the reader. How many times? _____

Conventions:

- My story has **few errors** so it's **easy to read**.
- I **spelled** words correctly.
- I **capitalized** correctly at the beginning of each sentence and for every proper noun.
- I used **punctuation** such as periods, exclamation points, question marks and quotation marks correctly.
- I wrote in **paragraphs** and indented.