Personal Narrative Rubric

Stimulating Ideas 1 2 3 4 5

* Focuses on a specific event or experience
* Presents an engaging picture of the action and people involved
* Contains specific details and dialogue
* Makes readers want to know what happens next

Logical Organization 1 2 3 4 5

* Includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay
* Presents ideas in an organized manner
* Uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs
* Flows smoothly from one idea to the next

Engaging Voice 1 2 3 4 5

* Speaks knowledgably and/or enthusiastically
* Shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject
* Contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers

Grammar/Conventions 1 2 3 4 5

* Sentence structure and variety
* Spelling, punctuation, capitalization
* Word choice and usage

Attention to Directions 1 2 3 4 5

* 5 paragraphs in length (intro, 3 body, conclusion)
* Typed/Neatly written (no exceptions)
* Name at the top
* Introduction 3 sentences following format taught in class
* Conclusion at least 3 sentences following format taught in class