

Autobiographical Incident

6th Grade Writing Prompt

We all have memorable moments that are significant in our lives. Some moments can recall joy or sorrow, triumph or tragedies, or adventures and learning experiences.

Task

Choose a memorable moment in your life. Write at least a five paragraph autobiographical incident essay about this memorable incident.

Procedure:

1. Before writing, organize your thoughts by completing a prewriting activity. You may use a web, a graphic organizer, cluster, list, or map.
2. In the first paragraph, establish the setting and focus the reader on the incident.
3. In the body paragraphs:
 - a) Use narrative techniques to develop the incident. For example: vivid images, descriptive language, sensory details, etc.
 - b) Use dialogue.
4. Your essay needs to contain a personal reflection on the significance of the incident.
5. Your concluding paragraph should provide a feeling of closure
6. Use transitional language appropriate for narrative writing
7. Re-read your paper to see if it makes sense. Revise and edit your paper, combine simple sentences, check for punctuation, paragraphing, margins and content,
8. Essay should be typed using MLA format: double- spaced, with your name, date and class clearly visible in the left hand corner of your paper. Font should be Times New Roman 12.