How to Write a Narrative Essay

**1 Brainstorm**

-Think of some events in your life that you remember well and struck you as interesting, powerful, life changing, or important.

- Try to narrow your even to one day or less to have some focus.

**2. Thesis (Significance)**

What is the significance of the event? What wisdom did you get from the event? What did you learn about yourself, others, or the world?

**3. Organize (Chronology)**

How will you organize your event? Time does not break into paragraphs so strive to organize one part of the event into each paragraph.

For example:

* Beginning, middle, end
* First hour, second hour, third hour
* Morning, noon, night

Make your topic sentences reflect a specific time in the event.

**4. Add Description and Dialogue**

Often we tell a story with only action. (First this happened, then this happened, then this happened). But the best story telling describes the scene in lots of detail and also dialogue (people speaking) to bring the image and sound to life.