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Period: _____

Personal Narrative

Directions: Write a true account of a specific event you have experienced that you find significant. This could be a significant event that happened in your home or neighborhood, a significant event that happened to someone you know, etc. Decide on a purpose and create a plan. Personal narratives are less structured than expository or persuasive essays, so a formal introduction is not necessary and your personal thoughts and feelings should be included. However; a plan, organized paragraphs with topic sentences, support, elaboration, and a conclusion are all still necessary. You should include the elements of a plot in your story. You will be graded based on the following criteria:

Criteria:	Points Possible:	Points Earned:
Every paragraph has a topic sentence containing a specific item of support with elaboration	25	
Word choice is mature and specific	10	
No errors in mechanics, usage, punctuation, or spelling	10	
Content is clear, organized, imaginative and original	25	
Revisions are clear on the rough draft	15	
Brainstorm and planning are included	10	
Lines are double spaced and paper is formatted correctly	5	

Turn in this checklist with your rough drafts once your final copy has been submitted to my dropbox.