

UNIT DESIGN

The Elements of Personal Narrative

Significance: Personal narratives are written about something important to the writer that will be conveyed to the reader.

Characters: The characters are the people (and sometimes animals) in the story. Personal narratives are told by and are about the writer.

Setting: The setting is the time and place of the story.

Plot: The plot is the sequence of events in the story. In personal narratives, the events in the story support and enhance the meaning.

Movement through time: The passage of time is always evident in the plot and often in the character(s) and the setting.

Change: There will be change in personal narratives. Either the characters, the setting, or the events change. Often characters learn something or change as a result of the situation or a conflict and resolution, but not always.