

UNIT DESIGN

Personal Narrative Unit of Study *Ideas for Collecting in Writing Notebooks* *Over time, students will. . .*

- Revisit touchstone texts to discuss where and how personal narrative writers get ideas
- Try out the habits of mind of personal narrative writers, carry their writing notebooks with them and capture ideas from:
 - Every day events
 - Ideas that come from sharing stories with other writers
 - Stories in their lives
 - Ideas that come from reading personal narrative texts
 - Memories
 - Important people and places that they don't want to forget
 - Thinking about times they realized or learned something
 - Strong feelings
 - Rereading entries to spark new life stories
- “Story tell” with other writers to spark ideas
- Trust the process of discovery in the act of writing
- Share ideas with and get ideas from other writers
- Write every day
- Explore and discover thoughts while writing
- Develop a treasure chest of ideas to choose from when picking a topic to work on for publishing