

1101 ESSAY GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY 1  
Autobiographical Narrative

1. Submit cover page in the traditional format (see handout, = Course Policy, p. 10).
2. Use standard five-paragraph format:
  1. Introductory paragraph containing thesis statement. Use thesis statement to introduce your three main points.
  2. Develop main point 1 in body paragraph # 1
  3. Develop main point 2 in body paragraph # 2
  4. Develop main point 3 in body paragraph # 3
  5. Conclusion: refer to/restate your 3 main points
3. Underline your thesis statement in your introductory paragraph, and number your three main points
4. In each of your three body paragraphs, underline your topic sentence, and number your three main points.
5. In your concluding paragraph, underline your concluding summary statement which restates/refers again to your three main points, and number your three main points.
6. Use past-tense verbs.
7. Use transition words/expressions to ensure a smooth flow from one paragraph to the next.
8. No cites or "Works Cited" page required for personal narrative
9. Bring a blue or black pen.
10. Bring regular, lined notebook paper.
11. Skip every other line.
12. Write only on front of paper.
13. Number the pages (but not the title page)
14. Follow all normal essay guidelines regarding the "Thou Shalt Not" list, contractions, "you" words, and other considerations. Use past-tense verbs.
15. To facilitate in-class writing, you may use:
  1. A pre-prepared: thesis statement, your three topic sentences, and your one concluding-summary statement (a maximum of five sentences). If used, show these before you begin.
  2. A dictionary (hard copy, not electric)
  3. Essay guidelines and title page
  4. "Thou Shalt Not" list
16. A minimum of 450 words; give word-count on final page.
17. Commensurate grade reduction will be imposed for not following essay guidelines.

## A Little Bit About Me

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Essay # 1 – Narrative Essay

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