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growth mindset NARRATIVE

DIRECTIONS: Read all of the personal narrative prompts. Then, select a prompt and write an essay that addresses the prompt entirely.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE PROMPTS – Select one of the prompts to write your narrative.

1. Write about a time when you worked hard toward accomplishing a goal. Tell the story about the goal, why you set the goal, the steps you took to accomplish the goal, and how you felt once it was accomplished.
2. Write about a time when you experienced a hardship. In your narrative, elaborate on the hardship. Explain the events and your feelings surrounding it, how you have grown from the experience, and how the hardship was eventually resolved.
3. Write about an event from your past that has shaped the person who you are today. In your narrative, tell the story surrounding that event and explain how it has shaped the person that you are today.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE CHECKLIST – Once you select a writing prompt for your narrative, fill in the blanks with details and check each item off of the list.

- Point of view: _____
- Conflict: _____
 - Is the conflict internal or external? _____
- Characters: _____
- Setting (when): _____
- Setting (where): _____

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO BEGIN BRAINSTORMING YOUR ESSAY.

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NARRATIVE ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

EXPOSITION	20	16	12	8	4
	The author thoroughly develops and introduces the characters, setting, and conflict	The author introduces the characters, setting, and conflict	The author introduces two of the three items: characters, setting, conflict	The author introduces one of the three items: characters, setting, conflict	There is no exposition
RESOLUTION	10		6		2
	The author concludes the narrative. The audience does not have any questions.		The author concludes the narrative. The audience may have some questions.		There is no conclusion
ORGANIZATION	10	8	6	4	2
	The narrative is organized in a logical format and follows the plot diagram	There are a couple minor organizational errors in the plot diagram	There are a few organizational errors in the plot diagram	There are major organizational errors in the plot diagram	The paper lacks organization
PLOT	30	24	18	12	6
	The author fully develops the plot. The events sequentially add information to create an interesting narrative	The author develops the plot. The events add information to create an interesting	The author somewhat develops the plot. The events add information to an the narrative	The author includes some details and events to somewhat develop the plot	The author does not include and details, ideas, or events
CONFLICT	10	8	6	4	2
	The author establishes a clear conflict	The author establishes a conflict	The author establishes a vague conflict	The author attempts to establish a conflict	The author does not include a conflict
GRAMMAR	20	16	12	8	4
	There are no grammatical errors	There are a couple minor grammatical errors	There are a few minor grammatical errors	There are a few major grammatical errors	The grammatical errors make it difficult to read

COMMENTS: _____

TOTAL SCORE