**Personal Narrative**

**Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

After reading *Call of the Wild* and *The Odyssey* Excerpts, it is now your turn to tell a story. Keep in mind that your goal for this story is to make me feel something. A good narrative makes the reader feel what you felt. To do that, use your literary devices and show instead of telling.

For this assignment, you have a choice between two prompts:

1. Write a story about a time when you were pushed to do something you didn’t think you could do, but you surprised yourself by succeeding.
2. Write a short story that shows me what you consider a hero to be. You need to tell the story of an experience you had where someone proved they were worthy of the title hero.

Some Things to Remember:

* + Narratives are stories; stories have a conflict (trouble). Make sure your story has a clear conflict and resolution.
  + Description helps people imagine the story your are trying to tell. Use imagery and literary devices to describe people, places, and/or situations.
  + Dialogue allows people to learn a lot about your characters. Let your characters talk instead of summarizing what they said.
  + Show, don’t tell. When you can show the reader what happened, they won’t forget it. Show them what happened.
  + Keep it organized. Don’t skip around; put your main events in a clear order and let the story unfold.

Structure:

Please give me a list of the main plot points in your story so that you know what’s going to happen next once you start writing. Keep it organized.

Formatting: MLA

* + Times New Roman
  + 12-point font
  + 1-inch margins
  + Double Spaced

Common Core Standards:

* W9-10.3 (Including A-E)
* W9-10.4
* W9-10.5
* W9-10.10
* L9-10.1
* L9-10.1A
* L9-10.1B
* L9-10.2
* L9-10.2A
* L9-10.2B
* L9-10.2C
* L9-10.3
* L9-10.3A