**Writing Personal Narratives**

**Prewriting** to Select a Topic

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**Explore topic ideas.**

The goal for your narrative is to share a personal experience that taught you something or left a lasting impression. To help you think of topic ideas, complete as many of the sentence starters that follow as you can. Each complete sentence could become a topic for your narrative.

* My friendship was tested one time when . . .
* My worst day in school was . . .
* I had to stand up for myself once when . . .
* I remember the time I won . . .
* I told a secret, and . . .
* My most embarrassing moment in school happened when . . .
* I wanted to be part of a certain group, but . . .
* A neighbor helped me (scared me, surprised me), and . . .