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**English 7-Mrs. Moore**

**Unit 4 Prompt - Narrative:** Write a Personal Narrative

**Write a personal narrative** that relates your own experience to that of any character, topic, or theme we have read about this year. A personal narrative is a story about your own experiences.

***Standards:*** *Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant details, and well-structured event sequences*. (W.7.3)

* Tell a personal story related to something you read this year. Your narrative must include a discussion of the literature to which you have a connection. Explain why the piece is meaningful to you and how it connects to your personal story. Then, tell your story.

* Be sure to include plenty of details to bring your reader into your story. Including the five senses in your descriptions and including direct quotes brings your story to life and allows your reader to imagine the experience.

**Introduction Paragraph:** Begin with a discussion of the piece of literature that reminds you of your life experiences. Briefly discuss the story or the character to “set the scene” for your story. Include the title and author.

**Body Paragraph:** Transition to your personal story or narrative. Include details using the five senses. Include direct quotes to add “voice” to your story and to bring in your reader. This part should be at least one paragraph long.

**Conclusion Paragraph:** Conclude by bringing the reader back to the piece of literature with which you are connecting. You can share your opinions about the literature or discuss how it helped you to see your life or your surroundings in a new way.

**You can relate your story to anything we read in class. Here are some ideas:**

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis**

* Is your family like the Watsons family? Describe the humor and love in your family. Tell a story about how your family overcame a situation with love, humor and strength.
* Can you relate to Kenny, Byron, Joetta, Rufus, or any other character? Describe the character and tell how you are similar. Tell a story that shows this.
* Have you ever experienced something that shocked you like Kenny’s experience with the “Wool Poo” or the church bombing? Tell the story.

**“Thank You, M’am” by Langston Hughes**

* Who has taught you an important lesson in life? Have you ever learned a lesson the hard way, like Roger did? Tell a story about it.
* Has an adult ever served as a mentor or a coach for you? Tell a story about it.

**The Cay by Theodore Taylor**

* Have you ever overcome a great obstacle, like Phillip does with his new blindness? Tell about this.
* Have you ever overcome a “first impression” or a pre judgement of a person or a group? Tell about why you had an unfavorable opinion at first, and explain how your perception changed.

**A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens** (use this author even though we read the play)

* Have you ever had a scary experience that taught you a lesson? Tell a story about it.
* Can you relate to Bob Cratchit, Fred, the Gentleman Visitor, or Scrooge? Describe the character and tell how you are similar. Tell a story to show this.

**“A Retrieved Reformation” or “After Twenty Years” by O. Henry**

* Have you ever made a conscious decision to change for the better? Tell how you did this.
* Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? Have you ever made a mistake that hurt a friend? Has a friend ever changed into a person you can no longer be friends with? Describe this.