

# Personal Narrative Rubric

Do not score individual sub section, provide a single score of 1 (needs improvement) to 5 (perfect) for each section

**Stimulating Ideas**                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

- Focuses on a specific event or experience
- Presents an engaging picture of the action and people involved
- Contains specific details and dialogue
- Makes readers want to know what happens next

**Comments:**

**Logical Organization**                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

- Includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay
- Presents ideas in an organized manner
- Uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs
- Flows smoothly from one idea to the next

**Comments:**

**Engaging Voice**                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

- Speaks knowledgably and/or enthusiastically
- Shows that the writer is truly invested in subject
- Contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers

**Comments:**

**Grammatically Correct**                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

- Verb tense is parallel
- Nouns/pronouns/verbs agree
- Follows conventions of English (paragraph format)

**Comments:**

**Attention to Directions**                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

- Essay is between 250 and 650 words
- Information that is found elsewhere on application is not repeated
- Essay follows 20/80 rule (20% direct response about prompts & 80% about YOU)

**Comments:**