

Autobiographical Paragraph

This assignment enables you to practice writing a paragraph.

By definition, a paragraph consists of a group of sentences which expresses one central idea.

OBJECTIVES

1. Free write for 15 minutes about particular events in your childhood.
2. Utilizing the various brainstorming techniques discussed in class, narrow down the broad topic “childhood” to a smaller, manageable theme suitable for a cluster of sentences. Remember you want to narrow the topic sufficiently to FOCUS your paragraph’s theme. Ask yourself the five W’s and one H.
3. At the top of the page:
 - write out your limited subject
 - state your audience and tone of voice used
 - after pre-writing, write a topic sentence
 - state your organizational strategy: chronological? spatial?
 - create a rough outline of your strategy
4. Write a draft paragraph including your topic sentence, supporting it with details and using the identified organizational strategy.

Use five or more sentences.

5. Draft, outline, and free-writing exercise are due tonight, end of class.

6. *Be sure to proof your work for the following:*

passive voice, spelling errors, weak sentence structures.

During week 4 you will rewrite and type the paragraph to turn in on week 5.