

## **Essay 1: Narration / Description**

*Bad memories are an excellent resource for personal narrations. The average person tends to remember uncomfortable situations better than pleasant ones. Consider the events or family functions in your own life which were intended to be celebrations, yet ended up as catastrophes.*

Full paper DUE: Monday 07/21, in D2L dropbox, by 11:30 pm

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Isolate a strong story to relate about your past experiences in a social scene.  
There are numerous options to choose from: church gathering, political rally, sporting event, or senior party at high school, anything which shows a large group of people brought together for a public celebration. Free-write for fifteen minutes in your notebook recollecting the possibilities. Remember you want to feature your observations on a negative experience.
2. In this short essay, each paragraph must utilize strong details and descriptions.
  - What makes the event stand out in your mind as a bad time?
  - What details can you provide which show, rather than tell, your story?
  - What sensory impressions work best for your situation?
  - What unique wordings best describe the gathering?

Accident	Ceremony
Occurrence	Function
Occasion	Episode
  - I will be looking for creative adjective choices for key images in your sentences.
3. When writing the first draft, be sure resulting paragraphs include topic sentences relating to your topic.
4. Create an interesting, intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs. Do not reveal your most important point until the conclusion.
5. Be sure each new paragraph includes a strong transitional phrase.
6. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.
7. Use the correct MLA essay format outlined in *Rules for Writers*.
8. **Essay Length: 300 words.**
9. Keep in mind you do want to avoid clichéd writing:
10. *Be sure to proof your work.*