# CHARACTERISTICS
# OF THE
# PERSONAL NARRATIVE

## Purpose

- ➢ To tell a story about something that happened that is real or imagined

## Organizational Pattern

- ➢ Generally chronological in terms of the story's timeline with a clear beginning, middle and end

- ➢ Sometimes flashbacks may be used

- ➢ Ending that helps the reader understand how the incident resolved itself

## Story Elements

- ➢ Specific details that make the story seem real or come to life
  - ✓ Characters
  - ✓ Setting
  - ✓ Incidents/happenings

- ➢ Writer may use the first person point of view as the narrator OR may tell the story from the third person point of view