Narrative Writing Prompts

*Remember, you will need:*

*Specific vivid details*

*Character development*

*Dialogue, if appropriate*

*Setting*

*A narrative arc with a beginning, middle and end with rising action, climax, resolution.*

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# 1:

Tell us about THAT ONE MOMENT, after some kind of trauma, when you knew you would be okay, you would live, you would move on.

#2

Chose one of these three audiences/rhetorical situations:

* A note for your parents to read (perhaps not this week, but years from now)
* An essay for peers to read (team mate, college students, etc.)
* A note for your future children or nieces and nephews to read
* A humorous website

Chose a prompt:

Write a narrative essay about something you regret doing or not doing, something you wish you could undo. That thing could be an action, a failure to act, a statement, a failure to say something—anything that, in hindsight, has caused you to think, "I wish I had said or done something else instead."

Write a narrative essay about a significant misunderstanding in your life. Think of a time when something turned out quite differently because you or someone else misunderstood an important piece of information. The main contrary should be the difference between what was supposed to happen and what actually happened.

#3: Tell us about that ONE MOMENT when you knew you were no longer in love with someone. (Or: when you knew you were IN love with someone.)

#4: Tell us about that ONE MOMENT when you knew you were an adult, that you had grown.

#5: Tell us about that ONE MOMENT when you had to give something up.

#6: Tel us about a time when you laughed so hard you cried.

#7: Tell us about that ONE MOMENT when you discovered empathy.