* **Uses first person point of view = “I”**
* **Includes narrative story**
* **Includes reflection from the writer**

**Personal Narrative**

* Focuses on a singular, significant **event**
* Supports by details that emphasize the experience
* Uses details and reflection to emphasize the significance of the event

**Memoir**

* Focuses on the significance of a **relationship** with a person, place, animal, or object
* Supports by using details to emphasize the importance of the relationship
* Uses reflection and details so the reader can recognize the value of the relationship

**Personal Essay**

* Focuses on a **central idea**
* Supports by using incidents from the writer’s life
* Uses broad reflection and specific details tied to the central idea to emphasize the importance of the life lesson