100-Word Personal Narrative Contest Contest



For this contest, we invite you to write a personal narrative about a meaningful life experience in 100 words or fewer.

We're not asking you to write to a particular theme or to use a specific structure or style, but we are looking for short, powerful stories about a particular moment or event in your life. We want to hear your story, told in your unique voice, and we hope you'll experiment with style and form to tell a tale that matters to you, in a way you enjoy telling it.

Tips for Writing Your 100-Word Narrative



Focus on a small, memorable, true moment from your life.



Write from your own point of view in your real voice.



Use imagery and metaphors to show, not tell.



Remember, without conflict, there is no story. Something needs to happen.

Contest Rules

- The contest is open to students ages 13 to 19 in middle or high school anywhere in the world.
- Your narrative should be a short, powerful, true story about a meaningful experience from your own life.
- It must be 100 words or fewer, not including the title.
- Submissions are due by Dec. 4, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific.



Visit the <u>contest page</u> to see the full guidelines and submit.

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