

## Eng 12 Q1 Personal Narrative: Courage or Bad/Positive

Choose ONE of the prompts below:

Courage often enables people to face danger, fear, or change. Think of a time when you did something that took real courage. You might have taken a risk, stood up for something you believed was right, or did something that others thought you couldn't.

Write a narrative describing the event. Tell what happened and how the experience affected you.

OR

When did a bad situation turn into a positive outcome?

\*\*\*Set up your essay using the correct format below based on what prompt you chose:

Directions for bad situation turning into a positive outcome?

When did a bad situation turn into a good outcome?

1. To start, pick an event in your life that started out “bad” and ended up turning into a positive outcome.
2. Brainstorm what details you will share about your story. Which parts will you focus on to really get into descriptive details and which parts need to be told, but not in as much detail?
3. Draft your essay in GOOGLEDODCS with the title Lastname Eng 12 Q1 and share it with Mrs. Botsford (Ibotsford) or whatever writing teacher is assigned to you.  
This is only a DRAFT. It is NOT the final copy.
4. Mrs. Botsford will then make comments on your draft. You are required to fix the draft, then check for spelling and grammar errors.
5. Submit the final, polished copy by copying and pasting it from Googledocs into Odyssey Writer.

Introduction paragraph:

HOOK: Get the reader's attention with a quote that relates to this topic.

Bridging Sentences: Discuss the topic of the essay in general. Don't get into writing about yourself or your specific story here.

Claim/Thesis: Mention you and relate it to the topic of the essay

Body Paragraphs:

In a few paragraphs, tell the story. Write one or two IMPORTANT parts of the story with some detail that includes dialogue or perhaps what you were thinking and feeling (SHOW) and the rest of the story can be told in less detail (TELL).

Conclusion:

Write a conclusion that explains and reflects on how the bad situation turned into a positive outcome. Be sure to not be cliché or too general.

Directions for courage essay:

1. To start, pick an event in your life where you had to use courage ( taken a risk, stood up for something you believed was right, or did something that others thought you couldn't).
2. Brainstorm what details you will share about your story. Which parts will you focus on to really get into descriptive details and which parts need to be told, but not in as much detail?
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Introduction paragraph:

HOOK: Get the reader's attention with a quote that relates to this topic.

Bridging Sentences: Discuss the topic of courage in general. Don't get into writing about yourself or your specific story here.

Claim/Thesis: Mention you and relate it to the topic of the essay

Body Paragraphs:

In a few paragraphs, tell the story. Write one or two IMPORTANT parts of the story with some detail that includes dialogue or perhaps what you were thinking and feeling (SHOW) and the rest of the story can be told in less detail (TELL).

Conclusion:

Write a conclusion that explains and reflects on how being courageous in that situation affected you. Be sure to not be cliché or too general.