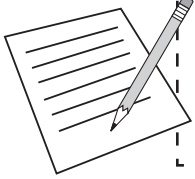


# Personal Stories in Informational Writing



You can add interesting details to your **informational writing** by including a short personal narrative. Remember, informational writing provides facts to the reader.

**Narrative writing** tells a story. Its purpose is to entertain. Writers share their own life experiences in personal narratives.

Directions: Read the example. Then, write the topic for your informational writing piece. Think about your own life experiences and record three story starters on the lines provided.

Topic for Informational Writing	3 Ideas for Personal Anecdotes
<u>How to play offense</u> <u>in soccer.</u>	scoring the winning goal _____ buying my first pair of cleats _____ playing a game in the pouring rain _____
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Circle the anecdote that you'd like to include in your informational writing piece. Now, write a rough draft of this anecdote.

*Here's a tip: Show, don't tell!*

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## Check for Opportunities to Revise

Reread your anecdote and underline vivid words. These are words that paint a picture in your mind. Now, circle any words or phrases that you plan to revise with more descriptive word choices.