

## Write a Narrative Story: Zoom In!

Now that you've reflected on various events, it's time to zoom in and write a story about ONE of them.

Choose something that you feel comfortable writing about, and something that you remember the main details of (small details can always be invented!).

Goals:

- Zoom in → For example, if you're writing about scoring the winning goal, avoid writing a list of events that lay out the entire soccer game. Instead, focus on starting with the moments leading up to the event, the event, and what happened after. Focus on feelings and thoughts!
- Show don't tell → Communicate the *mood* of the story through the actions and thoughts—your reader should be able to understand how you were feeling at the time. Instead of writing “I felt nervous,” think about how nervous FEELS. What thoughts go through your mind? How does your body react when you're nervous? Use your senses to describe your surroundings and experiences.
- Structure → Make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and end!

Process:

- Create a web or a list of main events
- Connect feelings/senses/thoughts to the events; descriptive vocabulary
- Write your story
- Read and revise (check for the goals above)