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Technique Number 1:

To strengthen your writing:

Close your eyes and dream the story. Then write in a way allows the reader to experience it with you. Show, don't tell!



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Technique Number 2:

To strengthen your writing:

Don't summarize
STOP and START OVER.
don't list what happened, show how it happened.



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Technique Number 3:

To strengthen your writing:

"Film" the story
from
the INSIDE.



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Technique Number 4:

To strengthen your writing:

Use BOTH true details from the event
and
details that ring true to your story.



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Technique Number 5:

To strengthen your writing:

Use tools like the WRITING CHECKLIST
to make sure you use ALL you know about grammar,
spelling, and punctuation. How am I measuring up?



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Strategies for Generating Personal Narrative Writing



Think of a **person** who matters to you, list small moment stories connected to him/her and write one.



Think of **first times, last times, or times you realized something**, list stories you could tell about each and write one.



Think of a **place** that matters, list small moments that occurred in that place and write one.



Think of a **strong feeling**. List stories of particular times you felt it and write one.



Live differently because you are a writer. Notice small moments, and capture them in entries.



Read the words another author has written and allow them to spark your own story ideas.



WRITE STRONGER BY:

Crafting dialogue for a character in a style that reveals characteristics of their personality.



WRITE STRONGER BY:

Giving reasons to explain why a character acts the way they do.



WRITE STRONGER BY:

Showing the way your character might actually think. Use the exact words and tone that they use in their internal thinking when narrating.

Use these
WHILE
WRITING!

Techniques for Raising the Level of Narrative Writing

- Dream the dream of the story and then write in a way that allows readers to experience the moment along with you.
- Revise using all you know about storytelling, not summarizing.
- Use all you know about grammar, spelling, and punctuation to edit as you write.
- Tell the story from **inside** it.
- Use details that are true to the event and that ring true.
- Use tools like the Narrative Writing Checklist to ask, "In what ways does my writing measure up? In what ways do I need to improve?" Then, revise your work to make it stronger.
- Ask: "What is my story really about?" and then write to bring forth that meaning.
- Bring out the story structure.
- Elaborate on important parts—parts that relate to what your story is really about.
- Incorporate scenes from the past or future to highlight the significance of your story.
- Don't simply end stories! Resolve problems, teach lessons, or make changes that tie back to the big meaning of your story.
- Take your story to the workbench.

