

Unit 2: Personal Narrative (4 weeks)

To view the Grade 5 Personal Narrative Unit developed by the Literacy Design Team go to eChalk, My Groups, select Grade 5 Resources/Units

- On Demand Writing #1: After students have published their in process piece at the end of the Unit 1 (and prior to the start of Unit 2) the teacher will have students do an on demand writing piece. Over the course of two writing workshops students will plan and write independently. The teacher will give the following prompt, “write a personal narrative or true story from your life. Use all of what you have learned about personal narrative writing from the past few years to compose your story. You will have two writing workshop periods to work independently on the piece and move through the writing process” The teacher will analyze the student writing to identify student strengths and areas for instruction. Resources (e.g., writing continuum, rubrics) to guide assessment can be found in the District Literacy Binder. The teacher will use the data collected to plan for whole group, small group, and individualized conferences during Unit 2 (Personal Narrative).
- ***By the end of the unit students should be writing independently for 40+ minutes.***
- Students should be encouraged to continue writing in their notebooks after meeting the goal of the day’s lesson.
- Students should take the notebook home every night in order to continue practicing the strategies taught and accumulate entries.
- Analyze student writing to assess whole class, small group and individualized needs.
- Meet with guided writing groups consistently as a way to differentiate writing instruction.
- Students are encouraged to publish writing using word processing tools such as Word or other online publishing tools.
- Students edit their pieces daily. Refer to the District Conventions Continuum to determine appropriate convention objectives (punctuation, capitalization, syntax) to teach during the unit. Copies are available in the grade level literacy binders and on the district website http://ww3.mamkschools.org/ela/Units_of_Study.html. Also refer to the Grade 5 Common Core Language Standards.
- **To view Grade 5 archived artifacts for the unit please visit the Grade 5 reading/writing page. Select “Resources” from the top nav bar. To access the units of study website use the link http://ww3.mamkschools.org/units_of_study/.**
- To view sample unit specific anchor charts for various units of study in reading and writing use the following link: <http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/classroom-charts/third-eighth-grade.html>
- To view samples of student writing across genres and grade levels use the link <http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/student-writing/fifth-grade.html>.