CHARACTERISTICS OF A PERSONAL NARRATIVE

FOCUS	Should show why this event is important to the writer
ORGANIZED FACTS AND EVENTS	Usually in order, doesn't jump around
SENSORY DETAILS	Describe using more senses than just sight so that the reader can feel like they are there.
ELABORATION	Zoom in and tell the most important parts of the story in great detail
STRONG EMOTIONS	The writer usually shows emotion—happy, sad, mad, scared, remembering fondly, remembering with horror, etc.
CONCLUSION	Wraps up the story and helps the reader understand the point.