

**Narrative Essay kernel & motive**  
Due Session 4

Describe the kernel and motive for the narrative essay due on Session 5. The “kernel” is the image, event, or individual that forms the starting point or seed of your narrative essay. The “motive” is the question or insight that you want to get at in your narrative essay. Remember—this idea need not take the form of an argument. A narrative essay often generates more questions than answers. You should write at least two sentences about each element, but you should feel free to write much more. If you have any questions about how you might build upon these basic elements, feel free to include those questions in your exercise.

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