

Example of a Personal Narrative Essay

Topic: My First Day of College

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My first day of college began dramatically, but it ended thoughtfully. It was on a Monday morning when my mother stormed into my room with the news that we were late, for what I didn't have any clue. When I followed her downstairs with questions, I remember hearing the words "college, for heaven's sake!" I must admit I was taken aback by these words since I had no idea that I was supposed to be going to college, at least not until the beginning of the following year. Although this news was a bit confusing, it created excitement. I dressed quickly, only for my sister to insist I take a shower. Since nothing could dim my new-found light of excitement, jumping into the shower was not such a bad idea.

The trip to the college took about two hours, which seemed like 30 minutes to me. All along the journey, I was creating a picture of how my life would be: I would join the football club, have a new girlfriend, start going into clubs and think about my future. The last part was not so clear since I had never given serious thought about what kind of profession I would love to pursue. When we arrived at the college, which was in a suburban area, the place looked more like a bonanza than a college admission day. Cars and color were the themes of the event, something that sat well with me, but not my mother. From the car to the admission room, she had given me countless pieces of advice. I only recall the words "choose your friends wisely." I am an introvert, meaning friendships have never been my strong point. Having a girlfriend, however, was definitely on the top of the "to-do" list.

The day was slow, but I was finally admitted and bade farewell to my mum and little sister. Their departure brought mixed feelings of liberation and confusion. I felt liberated as I would not explain where I was the whole day, but confused because I did not know who to ask where my stuff is. In short, it was time to learn that independence has a price.