

Biographical Narrative Essay/English 10

Topic: ALBD/Heroism/and Parenting

Instructions:

1. Complete the Biographical Narrative pre-writing activity.
2. Choose **one parent or guardian** as a subject for a biographical narrative.
3. Think about how he/she manages to multi-task all the different facets of home, work, and social life, plus all he/she does for you and others.
4. Now think about the demonstration of parenthood in *ALBD*. What lessons were taught and by whom? What lessons were learned and by whom?
5. Is being a good parent similar to being a hero of sorts? How so? Think about our class discussions as a reference.
6. **PROMPT:**
 - 1.) Demonstrate how your parent manages to handle both family and work by recalling two anecdotes, *true short stories*, which clearly illustrate your point. You can use your pre-writing notes for this part.
 - 2.) How would you compare your parent to what was demonstrated in the novel, *ALBD*? Provide two specific comparisons of your own experiences with references to the novel; include page numbers.
 - 3.) Finally, would you conclude that your parent is a s/hero? Take a position and explain, again by offering clearly explained reasons for your opinion.

Begin Your Essay:

7. First, write your **thesis statement and topic sentences** for each body paragraph.
8. Next, write your body paragraphs---**FIRST**---be sure to follow the prompt above.
9. Now, go back and write your introduction and conclusion **AFTER** you have written the body paragraphs.

Editing Step:

10. Finally, take time to **spell-check and edit your essay before you print out a rough draft**. Be sure you have used MLA format. You should refer to your class notes, class handouts, and to the Owl @ Purdue website posted on our class webpage, if you need help with MLA or with revision.

Due Dates:

- Typed pre-writing steps 1-7 due on Friday, 2/22/13
- Typed rough draft of essay due on: Tuesday, 2/26/13
- Typed final draft is due on: Thursday, 2/28/12

Notes: