

What is a vignette?

A vignette is a form of **personal narrative**, or story composed from a personal experience, thought, idea, memory, hope, dream...

It's a short, impressionistic scene that focuses on one moment or gives a particular insight into a character, idea, or setting.

To write a vignette, take an event, thought or idea from your life that you remember so vividly you will never forget it. Tell the story to the reader so well that they felt like they were there.

For a FANTASTIC vignette, you need:

- **About one to two full page, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. Font & 1" margins**
- To focus on **one specific moment, character, idea or setting**.
- Write in first person **point of view**.
- **A creative title**
- **A fascinating beginning that hooks the reader.**
(Starts with an interjection, asks a question, begins in the middle of the action or starts with an interesting quote or statement.)
- Extremely detailed **IDEAS** with specific examples that help me to see, hear, smell, touch and taste your ideas.
- Your unique **Voice**, your personality, your literary fingerprint.
- **Vivid Figurative Language**
(Extended, non-cliché, EPIC similes and metaphors, strong imagery, creative personification and interesting allusions.)
- **Exceptional word choice.**
(Vivid verbs, specific common or proper nouns, awesome adjective, amazing adverbs and lively interjections.)
- **A unique and memorable closing.**

Your first and last name
Your class period
Vignette Section #

Vignette Title

Indent your first paragraph. Really try to hook your reader. (*Start with an interjection, asks a question, begins in the middle of the action or starts with an interesting quote or statement.*) Make sure to focus on **one specific moment, character, idea or setting**. Ensure to write in first person **point of view**, meaning you tell your story using the word “I.” Don’t forget, your goal is extremely detailed **IDEAS** and your unique **Voice**.

Indent your second paragraph. Are you using vivid **figurative language** (*Extended, non-cliché similes and metaphors, strong imagery, creative personification and interesting allusions.*) Take a moment here to make sure you really appeal to all of your readers’ senses. Incorporate **exceptional word choice**. (*Vivid verbs, specific common or proper nouns, awesome adjective, amazing adverbs and lively interjections.*)

Indent your first paragraph. Have a unique and memorable closing. Make sure to continue writing until this page is filled!