**Possible Ways to Conclude your Personal Narrative**

**Question**

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|  | * Close with a question that involves the reader. You can answer the question, or leave it for the reader to decide based on what you wrote. The question must relate to the main idea.  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | * Example: It was the worst experience of his life. Andrew decided that it was the last time he would ever go on a roller coaster. Who can blame him? | |

**Personal Comment**

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|  | * Close with a personal comment or response to what you have written. It is not the same thing as an opinion. It is more like a personal conclusion you have reached or a lesson you have learned because of the experience you wrote about.  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | * Example: Riding a roller coaster with someone who is a "chicken" is something I will certainly never do again. I should have listened when Sheila told me she did not want to ride it. I should have let her take the "chicken exit." Next time I will know better. | |

**Mystery**

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|  | * Close with a statement that shows some things will never be resolved. However, be sure to do this in a way that the reader does not think you just forgot to end your narrative.  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | * Example: We watched Adam walk down the road until he became just a tiny speck and then disappeared altogether into the dust of twilight. Just as he appeared, he was gone. That was the last time any of us ever saw him. | |

**A Hint of Things to Come**

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|  | * When writing a personal narrative, you can close with a hint of things to come, or the beginning of a new story--a sequel of sorts.  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | * Example: He was exhausted. It had been a long and difficult week. Javier closed his eyes and thought of the many other adventures that lie ahead. | |

**Quotation from a Famous Person or a Not so Famous Person**

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|  | * Close with a quotation from a famous person or a person who is not famous. It could be a character from the story or someone you know personally. You must put it in quotation marks and give credit to the person who said it if you write it word for word.  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | * Example: "You're going to regret this." Those were Sheila's last words as I pulled her into the roller coaster seat. I now know she was not kidding.  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **Circular Ending**   * End your narrative with a line or statement that brings the reader back to the beginning of your narrative. You might include a detail in the opening of your story and go back to it at the end. * Can you name a novel that we read that had a circular ending? | | | |