

MEMOIR



WRITE

A. List three incidents in your life you might like to retell.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. Star the incident listed above that you most want to retell.

1. Where did it take place?

2. When did it take place?

3. What was the most important thing that happened?

4. List words to tell how you felt before, during and after the incident.

Before

During

After

5. Be sure to use words to help your reader see, feel, smell, and hear what happened.

C. On another paper write the memoir.

THE BEST EVER WRITING MODELS

A short narrative of an interesting incident.

ANECDOTE

READ

Tad's Turkey

Tad was eight years old. He lived in the White House. His father was Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. Tad had two rabbits and two goats for pets. One day Tad saw Cook with a turkey. She put the turkey in a pen.

"A new pet," Tad said. *"I will name him Jack."* He opened the turkey pen. The turkey walked out. Tad and Jack played under the trees. Tad ran after Jack. Jack ran after Tad.

On Thanksgiving Day Cook went to the turkey pen. Jack was not there. Cook saw Tad walking with the turkey.

"Bring the turkey to me," Cook said. *"That turkey is our Thanksgiving dinner."*

"Wait!" Tad said. *"Do not hurt Jack. I will see father."*

Tad ran to see his father. *"Jack is a good turkey,"* he said.

"I do not want him to be Thanksgiving dinner."

The president smiled. He took out a card. He wrote on the card. *"Take this to Cook,"* he said.

Tad gave the card to Cook. Cook read the card. Cook smiled. *"No turkey dinner today,"* it said. *"Tad has a new pet."*

OBSERVE

1. Where does the incident take place?
2. When did it occur?
3. Who was involved?
4. What happened?
5. What is revealed about President Lincoln in this anecdote?

