Using the table below, brainstorm some possible ideas for use when writing a personal narrative. Ideally come up with 4-5 ideas for each box.

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| Best Days   * E.g.: the birthday I was given a toy I had wanted for over a year. * The time we opened the park @ Disneyland * Disneyland @ Christmas * My 2nd wedding | Worst Days   * E.g.: the day the toy I loved was broken by my little brother. * The time my son had a really bad cold * Lockdown @ Gleneagle * My first divorce (both best & worst) * Gavin moving out |
| Embarrassing Moments   * E.g.: the time I gave a presentation to my class and the zipper on my pants was down. * The flooding of the kitchen * My awful dancing on stage at Young Canadians mainstage * Stump Bear / Mama Bear on Trail | Proudest Moments   * E.g.: the first and only goal I scored in a soccer game * Devon performing in Shrek * Gavin auditioning for Riverdale |
| Small Things that Mean a Lot   * E.g.: baking cookies with my grandmother. * Car Show with Pa in Poco | Open Category   * E.g.: the time I hiked up Westwood plateau mountain. * Hiking the Diaz Vistas |

Using one of your BEST ideas from each of the six categories, plan out the beginning, middle, and end of your personal narrative, including the ‘BIG IDEA’ or ‘WHY should we care about this story’ concept.

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| Best Day   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: | Worst Day   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: |
| Embarrassing Moment   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: | Proudest Moment   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: |
| Small Thing that Means a Lot   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: | Open Category   * Beginning: * Middle: * End: * BIG idea/Why should we care: |