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First-Person Narrative

In "Power of Art" on page 22, Amanda LaMunyon tells her story of what it is like to grow up with Asperger's syndrome and what she has done to overcome its effects. Amanda's narrative is a *first-person account* of her life. That means she tells it from her own point of view, using "I" to recount her feelings and experiences. First-person narrative can be very powerful because it comes directly from the writer to you; it enables you to view things from the narrator's place.

Directions: Answer the questions below to help you better understand first-person narratives, and to write your own personal essay.

1. Find three sentences starting with "I" in "Power of Art" that reveal something important about Amanda LaMunyon.

2. Explain what insight you gained about Amanda from each of the sentences you chose.

3. Why do you think Amanda wrote this personal narrative?

4. What could you write about in your life that you would like to share or that would have an impact on others?

5. Write three sentences starting with "I" that tell why the topic you chose is important.

WRITE NOW!

On a separate sheet of paper, write a first-person narrative about your topic. Use the three sentences you wrote in No. 5 as topic sentences for three paragraphs, and fill them in with supporting details.