**Revision Checklist for Personal Narrative** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 1. My introduction has an attention-grabber that makes my reader want to continue reading my story.

\_\_\_\_ 2. I have at least 1 sentence in my introduction that tells when and where this story

took place.

\_\_\_\_ 3. The topic of my story is clear and the reader knows what my story is going to be about.

\_\_\_\_ 4. My story follows the plot triangle. In the left margin, I have labeled examples of all 5 parts of the plot triangle.

\_\_\_\_ 5. There is dialogue in my story.

\_\_\_\_ 6. All people, pets and places have specific names.

\_\_\_\_ 7. My conclusion explains why this event was important in my life.

\_\_\_\_ 8. My conclusion does not include any new story details.

\_\_\_\_ 9. Required Sensory Details – you must have all 5 somewhere in your story.

Sight Sound Smell Touch Taste

\_\_\_\_ 10. I eliminated or reduced “to be” verbs: is, are, was, were, be, been, has, have, had by changing them to action verbs.

\_\_\_\_ 11. All my verbs are past tense.

\_\_\_\_ 12. I have changed generic terms to specific terms.

\_\_\_\_ 13. I got rid of all contractions.

\_\_\_\_ 14. I corrected all slang terms.

\_\_\_\_ 15. All my sentences and proper nouns start with capital letters.

\_\_\_\_ 16. All my sentences end with proper punctuation.

\_\_\_\_ 17. There is a space after every punctuation mark in my story.

\_\_\_\_ 18. My title reflects the focus of my story and is capitalized properly.

\_\_\_\_ 19. I reviewed the handout about formatting.

* All my paragraphs are indented
* My story is double spaced
* My font is either Times New Roman or Arial
* My font is size 12 - ALL OF IT - my title is not bigger
* My name and page number are in the upper right corner of the page
* The upper left corner of the page is formatted correctly
* My margins are 1 inch

\_\_\_\_ 20. I read my story backward (starting at last sentence, then sentence by sentence to the beginning). I also read my story out loud.