



Inspired by the pictured mentor texts and WritingFix's "[Frames for Narrative Warm-ups](#)" Lesson, these students wrote and revised the following pieces of writing. A big idea of this lesson is that students explore many topics about themselves so that—later—they can develop one topic into a longer piece of narrative writing. Which personal topic do you believe these young authors should choose to write a longer narrative about?



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## When I Was Five

by Hannah, fifth grade writer

When I was five, I was such a princess. I loved to dress up in fancy clothes. It made me feel superior. Being a five year old child, I always had to have a babysitter. I could not be left alone. At the age of five, I hated to read because I thought it was boring. Even though reading was not my favorite thing to do, I still read little books about Dora the Explorer. These were usually about five pages long.

Now that I am nine, I feel too girly and beautiful when I wear dresses, so now I only wear shorts and pants. Now that I am older, I am much more mature. My parents know that I am responsible and sometimes they leave me home alone. Now that I am nine, I love to read. Reading a book takes me on exciting new adventures. I read long novels that have over 100 pages.

Life has changed a lot since I was five. I am excited about all of the new changes that still lie ahead of me.



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## Five Versus Nine

by Maxwell, fifth grade writer

When I was five, I loved certain toys. My toy cars were my favorite. I zoomed them all around the living room. Since I liked playing with cars, I wanted to be a race car driver when I grew up. When I was five, I did not enjoy writing at all. I thought it was hard and boring. When I was five, I liked kicking the soccer ball in the yard. I did not like roller coasters at all because they looked scary, towering so high above me. When I was five, I did not think my brother was funny at all.

Now that I am nine, I zoom my bike all around the neighborhood. Now I enjoy numbers and want to be an economist when I grow up. I love to write now that I am nine. It has become my favorite subject in school. Instead of playing soccer in the backyard, I now play football on a team. Now that I am nine, I still am not crazy about roller coasters, but at least I will ride on them. Now that I am nine I think my brother is the funniest person I know. I now have a little sister that is five, and she reminds me of me when I was five. That is why, once in a while, I look over and give her a grin!



What compliments and feedback might you offer these authors, if you were in their response group?