Personal Expressive Narrative Assignment Instructions
Below are sample assignment instructions for the Personal Expressive Narrative. Please adapt these instructions to suit your course theme and schedule. The Personal Expressive Narrative is the first writing assignment in the course; the final draft is worth 5% of a student’s overall grade. Students should have the opportunity to write a first draft and then revise the Personal Expressive Narrative (based on instructor feedback and/or peer workshop) before submitting it for a grade. Most students have no trouble understanding this assignment, but it’s still a good idea to look together at successful examples of personal narratives (both published and student-authored examples). Please use the Personal Expressive Narrative Rubric to grade the final draft of this assignment.

Basic Personal Expressive Narrative Assignment Instructions
Write a 2-3 page (double-spaced) narrative essay describing an event that actually happened to you and had a significant impact on your life, whether positive or negative. Include specific details, write in the past tense, and use chronological order. Use descriptive sensory language and specific details to make your writing come alive! Remember to include a title. Bring two hard copies to class for peer workshop and upload a copy to me on Moodle.

Personal Expressive Narrative Instructions Adapted for Food-Themed Course
Write a 2-3 page (double-spaced) narrative essay describing a food-related event that actually happened to you and had a significant impact on your life, whether positive or negative. For example, you could write about a memorable meal you ate, a disastrous cooking experiment, or a recipe or food that reminds you of a particular person, place, or time. Include specific details, write in the past tense, and use chronological order. Use descriptive sensory language and specific details to make your writing come alive! Remember to begin with a compelling title. Bring two hard copies to class for peer workshop and upload a copy to me on Moodle.