

1. [Childhood Event] Narrow this topic by choosing a memorable, important, and somehow altering event from your childhood fitting for a five paragraph essay -- You might think of something that happened: on a past vacation, during an outing with a friend, at school, at a camp, at church, with an injury, as an honor, as a huge success, and so on. Brainstorm possible narrowed topics before finalizing one for a five paragraph essay. Narrate the events related to the childhood memory so that readers will understand what led up to the event, the actual event, and the direct impacts the event made upon your life that made it so memorable, important, and somehow altering.

Thesis: Being engulfed in flames and severely burned as a young adult tremendously scars one's life.

Leading up to the event

- mowing the lawn
- new weed eater
- over mixed the gas with too much oil
- chose to dump it over the electric fence to kill the weeds

The actual event

- sparked electric fence after dumping gas with too much oil causing fire ball
- Stop, Drop, and Roll Overrated
- neighbors helping
- fire department and paramedics on the scene
- emergency room

Direct Impacts

- 3 weeks in the Hillcrest burn unit with the first week in ICU
- burned over 1/3 of my body required skin grafts from another third to cover the burns
- wore compression socks for about 7-8 months
- moderate scarring from burns and skin graft donor sites
- \$125,000 hospital bill