**Autobiographical Narrative – Common Errors**

* Fragments/Beginning Sentences with a Conjunction
* Fused Sentences/Run-on Sentences
* Comma Splices
* Capitalization of proper nouns
* Descriptions/Details
* Wrong Font
* Wrong Spacing
* No Conflict or Problem
* No Insight or Lesson Learned
* Present-Tense Verbs (excluding Dialogue)
* No Dialogue/Monologue
* Incorrect Punctuation in Quotations
* No end punctuation/multiple or incorrect end punctuation
* Incorrect Number Use (<100 spelled)
* Multiple Narratives
* Comma errors
* Semicolon errors
* Colon errors
* Apostrophe errors
* Ellipsis errors
* Ampersands (&)
* Asterisks \*
* No end punctuation
* Use of “you”
* Use of “like”
* Use of “well”
* Use of “this”
* Use of abbreviations/slang
* Bad syntax
* Spelling/Usage errors\*
* Bad Grammar\*

**Spelling/Usage errors:**

* Bastion/Boston
* finely/finally
* everywheres/anywheres
* are/our
* there/their/they’re
* Chines/Chinese
* Mom/mom/Dad/dad
* sued/sewed
* anyways/any way/anyway
* party’s/parties
* Hersey/Hershey
* god/God
* collage/college
* right/rite/write
* past/passed
* noshes/nauseous
* emergence/emergency
* chock/choke
* OK/okay
* ladies/lady’s
* in to/into
* every day/everyday
* every where/everywhere
* every one/everyone
* over reacted/overreacted
* door step/doorstep
* class room/classroom
* though/thought
* siting/sitting
* of/off
* relived/relieved
* when/wen’t/went
* tubes/tubs
* wore/where/were
* plain/plan
* coasted/costed/cost
* miss-behave/misbehave
* cause/cuz/because
* threw/through
* modivated/motivated
* then/than
* to/too/two
* its/it’s
* your/you’re
* i/I
* till/until
* right/write
* righting/writing
* toke/took
* woken/waked/awakened/awoke
* defiantly/definitely
* quick/quickly
* shock/shook
* lose/loose
* road/rode
* quick/quickly
* run away/runaway
* sixteen-year-old/sixteen years old
* couch/coach
* good bye/goodbye
* Heaven/Haven
* hell/Hell
* back packs/backpacks
* gun shot/gunshot
* board walk/boardwalk
* roller coaster/rollercoaster
* flat land/flatland
* past/passed
* ratio/radio
* rung/rang
* a while/awhile
* freighted/frightened
* burry/bury
* whole/hole
* torcher/torture
* nosy/noisy
* starring/staring
* scarred/scared
* brother-in-laws/brothers-in-law
* hoddie/hoodie
* stalky/stocky
* cd/CD dvd/DVD
* worn out/worn-out
* who/how
* step son/step-son/stepson
* woman/women
* bear/bare

**Bad Grammar:**

* “me and him/her”
* “I seen it”
* “it’s mines”
* “wondering on how”
* “jumped off of”
* “I went and did it”
* “I’ve ever saw”
* “didn’t see nothing”
* “stayed over my house”
* “a couple minutes”
* “they came towards me”
* “some . . . is”
* “they . . . has”
* “I was wronged”/”I was wrong”
* “five foot tall”
* who vs. that
* \* more to follow . . .