

3.3 - Brainstorming Your Personal Narrative

OPENER - Analyze Baldwin's quote below. What does it make you think about reading and writing? How does this connect to the personal narratives we read? More importantly, how might it inspire you in the personal narrative you will write and the topic you might choose?

“You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive.”

— James Baldwin



It makes me think about how in some way, shape, or form, were all connected through writing (literature) in general. Those personal narratives we read can connect to others because we all might go through similar experiences. I might try to choose a topic that I know can reach others. Maybe about things that some other people can relate to, personal to me, but also relatable.