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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



When we write a personal narrative, we are writing about significant and transforming events in our life and because people go through similar experiences this is a way we connect and understand each other. It makes us feel less alone knowing someone else has gone through the same experience or event.