

What is it that you believe?
Getting Ready to Write a TIB Personal Narrative!

Your Learning Task

Now that you have read at least three TIB essays written by others, it's your turn to write a TIB essay of your own. Use the graphic organizer below to get started generating your ideas.

PREWRITING

Generate as many ideas as you can think of in answer to these questions in the graphic organizer below.

<u>What</u> are the important beliefs you live by?	<u>How</u> do these beliefs guide your thinking? Your actions?
<u>Who</u> or what influenced you to adopt these beliefs?	<u>Why</u> do these beliefs matter?
<u>When</u> did you adopt these beliefs?	<u>Where</u> did you adopt these beliefs? Where do you practice them?

PLANNING

Think about how you want to organize your essay using the ideas you included in your graphic organizer. You may not want to use all of the ideas, but focus, as Jackie Robinson did, on a single pivotal moment in your life. Maybe you want to use all or most of them the way Tarak McLain did in his list of 30 things he believes. Maybe you want to think about all of the things you believe and use an allegory to communicate with your audience like Sara Adams did in her "Be Cool to the Pizza Dude" essay.

However you choose to communicate your beliefs, tell a story, your story, in your own authentic voice.

WRITING

Now it is time to begin writing your personal narrative/essay. Feel free to use any of the sentence starters or transitions listed below.

Sentence starters	Transitions
I have always believed... I believe... When I think about... It has always been important to me... I believe...for a number of reasons... I believe in...because... When I think of... When I was... Not a day goes by that I don't... No matter what... I owe so much of... I owe so much to... With each passing day I... To this day... I am not ashamed to say... In my experience... Ever since... I will always...	In addition... Beyond that... Also, Because of this... While I believe in...I also... One thing that makes me believe in...is... Another thing... Finally... Secondly... Not only... In the end... To begin... In sum... Not only... After all... When all is said and done...

IMPORTANT: You may begin your essay here, at the end of this form or you may open up a new Google Doc to begin.