

# Testimonies in Context

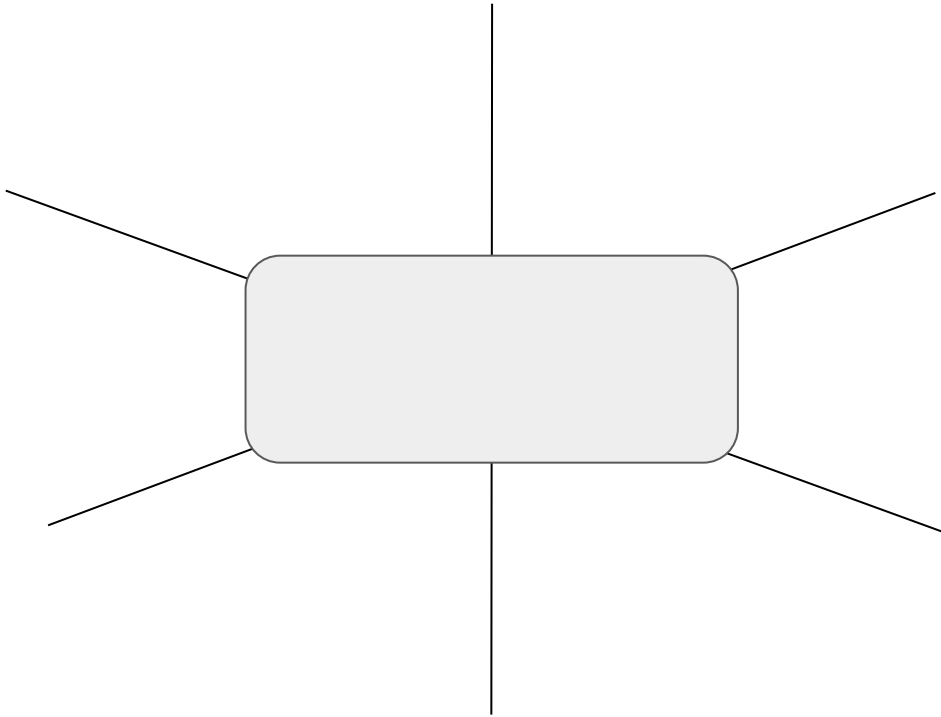
Write what you already know about personal narratives compared to what you’re learning about survivor testimonies. Then, use the lines to reflect on the similarities the two share. Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

Personal Narratives	Survivor Testimonies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First-hand accounts of an historical event, including the feelings and fears someone experienced</li><li>• Survivors may remember details of events differently from each other, but each story is a valid expression of history.</li><li>• Listening to a testimony comes with the great responsibility of accepting the person’s recounting of the historical even as true.</li></ul>




# Your Personal History

Write your name in the gray box. At the end of each line, write an experience you've had that has taught you something. This can be an experience that taught you something hard, about something you need to be happy, or about any of the emotions in between—whatever you feel comfortable writing about. Add more lines as you need them. Circle the experience you'd like to continue writing about.



A central gray box with rounded corners. Four lines extend from the corners of the box: one straight up, one straight down, one diagonally up and to the left, and one diagonally down and to the right.



# Reflection Questions

Answer these questions to help you reflect on the experience you brainstormed on page 2. Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

1. **What is the experience you chose to write about?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **What lessons did you learn from this experience?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **How do you feel about these lessons ? Was learning them challenging, rewarding, etc.?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. **How did you learn this lesson? Did someone help guide or mentor you?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **What do you hope someone else will learn from your experience?**



# Your Testimony: Section 1

Write about your experience. Share relevant details that will help your reader fully understand your point of view. Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.




## Your Testimony: Section 2

Write about the lessons you learned. Share details about how you learned these lessons—did anyone help you? How do you feel about the lessons you learned? Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

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## Your Testimony: Section 3

Write about what you hope someone else will do with the lessons you've shared. Do you have a call to action you'd like to make? Do you hope someone else will be kinder to themselves or to others? Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.
