

Using Anecdotes to Elaborate

- **ANECDOTES** – An anecdote is a short story based on personal experience inserted into writing that explains an idea. This sounds like. . .

The students at this school are so polite. Once when I was in second grade, a kid ...

Pets can sometimes be big trouble. I remember the time when my friend's ...

Idea without an Anecdote

My crystal rock means a lot to me. I got it when I went to Yellowstone. It was the most beautiful purple crystal my eyes have ever seen.

Using an Anecdote for Elaboration

My crystal rock means a lot to me. I got it when I went to Yellowstone. So at Yellowstone my grandma and mom took me shopping. Suddenly I saw the most beautiful rocks. It was a rock store! My mom took me in the store. Then I saw purple crystals. So I asked my mom if I could get one. She said, “Yes!” Then I looked at every one carefully to make sure I got the one I wanted. Suddenly I saw it, the most beautiful purple crystal my eyes have ever seen.

Using an Anecdote for Elaboration

The first day of school is sometimes scary.

- I will tell you about a story of mine.
- Let's write it together.

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The first day of school is sometimes scary.

Think of an anecdote (story) based on a personal experience that would help to explain this idea.

Using an Anecdote for Elaboration – *your turn*

Write your anecdote about a scary time on the first day of school.