Prewriting Worksheet

1. Think of a significant event in your life, and write one sentence that summarizes the experience. For example, “When I was seven years old, my parents told me there were getting a divorce,” or, “When I was five years old my baby brother was born!”

2. List the events of that time in chronological order.

Event 1: ____________________________________________________________

Event 2: ____________________________________________________________

Event 3: ____________________________________________________________

Event 4: ____________________________________________________________

Event 5: ____________________________________________________________

Event 6: ____________________________________________________________

Event 7: ____________________________________________________________

Event 8: ____________________________________________________________
3. List the other people involved in the event. ______________________
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4. Give the setting of the event. Be sure to include time, place, and duration.
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5. Describe the day, using as many details as possible. _________________
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6. Describe the place, using as many details as possible. _________________
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7. Describe how you were feeling, what you were thinking, and what you said during the event.
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8. Now use your notes to write an expository essay about the event.
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