Remember, the personal narrative for the STAAR Writing assessment has to have an extension. Making a connection is often easier when you make yourself think about what you learned or what truth became clear for you from the experience you chose to write about. We have practiced writing truisms to use for this purpose, but sometimes it can be hard to think of just the right truism for your story. Here are some useful “truism starters” for you to use as a reference when you are writing. Look for other starters or truism-builder-words to add to this list as we practice writing truisms this year.

1. I will never forget….because...
2. That day I learned a valuable lesson,...
3. I finally realized that...
4. This memory is special because...
5. I learned that ….is important because...
6. ________________________________________________________________
7. __________________________________________________________________
8. __________________________________________________________________
9. __________________________________________________________________
10. __________________________________________________________________