

Memoir

In a **memoir**, a person tells a story about an event in his or her life. The event is often one that changed the writer's life in some way.

How I Became a Rock Climber

Title makes readers ask, "How did the writer become a rock climber?"

First sentence creates a vivid image that makes readers curious.

Facts and images create suspense for readers.

I never pictured myself high above the ground, attached to a huge rock. But that's where I was one day last summer. My uncle drove my cousins and me to a big rock in Colorado. Uncle Dan explained the safety rules to us. He also gave us helmets. What would we need those for?

Uncle Dan put an iron spike into a crack in the rock. He attached a rope to the spike. He showed us how to hold the rope and climb the rock. Soon we were higher than I had ever been before. Uncle Dan showed us how to get down. Each week

Last two sentences tell how the experience has changed the writer's life.

I practice on the rock-climbing equipment at the local gym. I can't wait until next summer's rock-climbing trip in Colorado!