

8.1 Storytelling: Reflection

My question: How is your culture or your personal life experience, significant to you? How do these influence your identity?

Because you are using this as a proper noun (a name), it should be capitalized.

Use commas to separate "no matter what" as an additional thought here.

This is worded awkwardly. Consider my next comment when rewording the beginning of this sentence.

With **grandpa's** lessons I grew up knowing how to be quiet and calm in the bush **and** respectful and appreciative of nature. I have a love of the outdoors that is quite strong. My identity has been influenced because my grandpa has taught both me and my brother to be tough and brave like him, and to be good people no matter **what**, even if no one is watching. My grandpa has passed on to us that the only person we let down when we break the rules is ourselves, not anyone else. **The reason I say this is because some of my grandpa's old buddies used to give him a hard time for actually taking that problem bear and trying to use up as much of it as possible (a lot of them probably would have just left the carcass behind and carried on), but my grandpa's morals are that he does not waste what he shoots, no matter what.** I mentioned it in my story I think, but bear doesn't taste that great to a lot of people. **All of that bear WAS** used because my grandfather would not budge on his own values about hunting and being respectful of what nature provides. **That kind of conviction has affected my own identity—I want to be a good person like my grandpa.**

Is it that you want to be a good person like your grandpa, or that you want to have the same strength of conviction and moral direction that he does? Be specific.

Is there a different transitional word or phrase you can use here as you attach these benefits to your sentence? "As well as", "plus", "in addition..." etc.

This long sentence would be more effective as shorter sentences.

Capital letters give the impression you are shouting to emphasize your point. Instead, italicize to give the emphasis you want.