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Flash Fiction #1 Graphic Organizer

Write a paragraph giving the "backstory" about the problem you or a character is facing. Finish your paragraph with a thoughtshot of the TOUGH QUESTION that you or the character asks him/herself. Be sure to include specific details to SHOW the impact of the problem.

{EX}: *Albert was mean to me on the bus. VS. Albert tripped me again, sending me and my books crashing onto the hard aisle floor.*

SENTENCE STARTERS:

It all started on a _____ day/evening/morning, when _____.

One time I was just _____, when suddenly _____.

I was caught by surprise one day when _____.

Write a paragraph describing a scene where you or the character later seeks advice in private from someone older and wiser. Include dialogue that captures your conversation, ending with some wise advice that could be helpful in solving the problem. Be sure to include specific details to SHOW the impact of the older, wiser character.

{EX}: *My coach talked to me in private. VS. When the stadium emptied, my coach put down his playbook and sat down beside me on the bench.*

SENTENCE STARTERS:

Worried that I couldn't handle this alone, I visited/called _____.

Overwhelmed with the decision at hand, I knew just who to consult: _____.

Seeing how upset I was, _____ pulled me aside and spoke to me alone.

Write a paragraph about how the words of the wiser you just wrote had inspires you or the character to **face the problem or think about it in a different way**. Be sure to include specific details to **SHOW how you or the character is thinking** differently. By the end of the paragraph, reach an answer to the tough question!

{EX}: *I knew I could solve the problem now.. VS. For the first time, I began to think about why Bert was picking on me, and how I could stand up to him.*

SENTENCE STARTERS:

After thinking about his/her advice, the first thing I did was _____.

Inspired into action by _____'s advice, I slowly _____.

My confidence restored, I began to _____.

Knowing now what was truly important to me, I started _____.