"That was the moment when I..." outline

- 1. Introduce your reader to the scene. What was happening that day? What were the sights, sounds, smells?
- 2. What happened before "the moment"? What were the events leading up to it? Think of this as rising action. Continue to describe these events in detail.
- 3. The Moment! This is the climax of your narrative! Help your reader to understand what happened by clearly explaining it.
- 4. What happened right after "the moment"? This is the falling action. Did you realize what significance that moment had for you at the time?
- 5. Resolution: the end. Tell your reader why that moment was important to you. Did it change you somehow?