

# Narrative Essay

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## What is a narrative essay?

A written account of a true story about something significant in the writer's life.

## How will you write your own narrative essay?

Tell an honest story using your own voice. Revise so your reader can really hear what you're saying. Cut parts that lead readers astray. Edit for tone and transitions. Don't worry. It's a process made up of small parts. We'll work through it together.

## How will you know what to write about?

You do not have to be the winner of a Nobel Prize to have a story to tell. Universal and everyday experiences (relating to siblings, winning an important game, getting into an accident, losing a loved one, being a nerdy band kid all through high school) are stories with wide audience appeal.

## What is expected, academically?

Write an engaging and well-developed narrative using literary devices such as plot, theme, setting, scene, and characterization. Your story should unfold clearly and logically and should respect the grammar, usage, and mechanics of standard written English. That said, you will be graded equally in three areas:

Engaging the Reader • Clarity of Expression • Grammar, Usage & Mechanics

## How will you begin?

Tell a story. Just begin.

# 100 points

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Check your syllabus for draft checkpoint dates  
and the final draft due date!