

Narrative Essay

A narrative essay tells a story or narrates an event. In the story, we relate in detail something that has happened. When a story is sharply detailed, the reader will be able to picture the event and see and understand the experience from the narrator's perspective.

Please choose a topic below and write a narrative essay rich in details

- First **brainstorm** a list of details that describe the story or event
- Then **organize** your details (usually in time order of how they happened)
- Begin to **write** the essay and include a strong topic sentence that speaks to the topic of the essay
- **Develop** an introductory paragraph, body paragraph(s), and a concluding paragraph
- **Reread** and revise your essay
- **Proofread** and evaluate your essay using the self-evaluation check-lists

Topic Choices:

Choose a vivid time from your childhood. You might think of the first time that you rode a school bus, the first A you received on a test paper, earning money to buy something that you really wanted, or another vivid memory. Narrate the events related to the childhood memory that you have chosen so that your readers will understand why the event was important and memorable.

Friends are important to everyone. Think of the friends you have and the days you have spent with them. Now, choose one day with a friend that you would be interested in telling about. Write the story of what happened on that day with your friend. Imagine you will be sharing your writing with someone who has never met your friend.

Write about your family. Share an experience, a memory, a tradition, family wisdom, a celebration. Explain the significance to you of this event or experience.

Write about an experience that changed your view of someone. Narrate the experience in detail and give special significance to how it changed your opinion about the person.

Write an essay in which you recreate for the reader an unusual experience you have had, or you know someone else has experienced.

Throughout our lives many of us make mistakes that teach us a great deal about us and life. Sometimes other people label these mistakes as failures, but to us these mistakes may have been significant because they helped us to change directions or reevaluate situations that helped us move on and be successful. Write about an experience that may have been labeled initially by you someone else as a mistake/failure and show how it changed you and your life in a positive way.