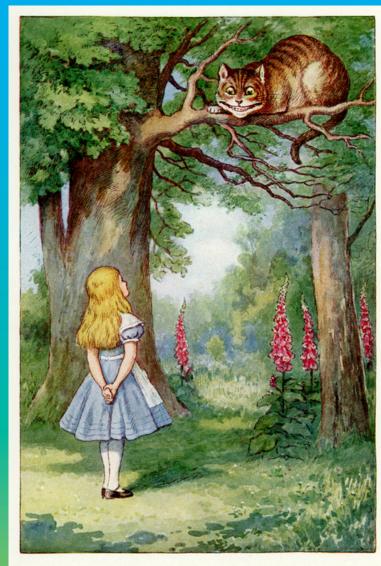
# WRITING A MARRATIVE

## Purpose:

To entertain, instruct or inform by telling a story.

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"I GROWL WHEN I'M PLEASED, AND WAG MY TAIL WHEN I'M ANGRY"

## **Examples of Narratives:**

short stories, novels, tales, fables, myths, legends, cartoons, stage plays, film/television or radio scripts, poetry, songs, ballads.



### Structure:

#### 1) Orientation:

Opening paragraphs to provide background and orientate the reader to place, time and characters.

#### 2) <u>Body:</u>

Series of paragraphs that move through 3 stagesa) Complication. b) Series of events leading to a climax. c) Resolution.

#### 3) Coda: (optional)

Telling how the characters have changed from their experience.

#### **Structural Features:**

\* Use a title. \* Use paragraphs for new events.

#### Language Features:

- \* Present or past tense.
- \* Adjectives to describe characters and setting.
- \* Time connectives and conjunctions to sequence events.
- \* Adverbials for time, place or manner to create interest and suspense.

#### **Questions To Ask Yourself:**

- \* Who are the characters and what are their relationships?
- \* How can I describe the setting for the narrative?
- \* What problem do the characters face?
- \* What steps do they take to solve their problems?
- \* How will things work out?