

Writing a Narrative

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 radioscripts, poetry, songs, ballads.



Structure:

1) Orientation:

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

2) Body:

Series of paragraphs that move through 3 stages-

a) 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?*