

Narrative Writing

What is narrative writing? What are some of its characteristics?

Narrative writing is storytelling.

Characteristics:

- May be fictional or factual.
- Contains the same elements found in any story (i.e., setting, characters, conflict, climax, resolution)
- Narrative writing always has a purpose.

What is the difference between first person, second person, and third person narration?

First person narration is told by a character in the story. Second person places the reader as a character. Third person is told by someone outside of the story.

The introduction of a narrative should accomplish what two important tasks?

Introduce your protagonist and other characters and establish the setting.

What are the two ways of introducing your protagonist in the introduction to a narrative?

By writing about the protagonist's feelings or by describing a quirky personality trait.

What should happen during the middle of your narrative?

Rising Action: The conflict should be introduced and the conflict should increase with events that cause rising action.

Climax: The conflict should reach its climax.

Why is it important to use sensory descriptions?

It makes the readers feel like they are part of the story.

What is a parenthetical element?

Additional information in the middle of a sentence to clarify an idea. It can be a word or a phrase.

What are the two types of parenthetical elements, and how do they differ?

A restrictive parenthetical element is a word or a phrase that **is necessary** to the meaning of the sentence. A nonrestrictive parenthetical element is a word or a phrase that is **not necessary** to the meaning of the sentence.

Why are transition words important?

They signal shifts in time and place. With transition words, the reader can follow the characters through the story.

An effective end to a narrative should include what two elements?

Falling action and resolution

What is an important element of a resolution?

The resolution should include the theme of the narrative story.