Narrative Essay: this is different from a regular essay in that you are telling a story to make your point. The narrative, to me, is the most difficult of the forms. It is also the most fun. This is cool because the NY Times has created a contest that has 550 topics as well as mentor texts to help you. We are going to follow their rules. Must be true, 600 word limit, and be grammatically dang good. We’ll use MLA format for the printed version you hand in. Entering the contest is free, and optional. I’ll give you 10 points for submitting and turning in the proof of submission email.

I included the photo contest on the website, but it is not for extra credit.

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10th Honors, Narrative Essay

Due dates: topic selection—Thursday Sept. 12th

Rough draft-- Tuesday September 16th (must be printed before you get here. All you should need is a staple. MLA format please. Follow link on webpage. Print on one side of the page)

Final Draft-- Friday September 20th Reprinted and formatted perfectly.

EC Submission-- anytime before October 9th; bring me the printed submission slip.

As well as other types of essays, narration has its own peculiarities and is based on all conventions of storytelling. A good narrative essay includes plot, setting, culmination, and conclusion. Moreover, it has characters which make the story more attractive for the reader. A narrative essay must be filled with precise details, vivid verbs, and descriptive words that support and embellish the story Very often, autobiographical works consist of the narrations which describe different periods of a person's life.

**Purpose of the Narrative Essay**

The essay should have a purpose. Writing the essay gives you an opportunity to understand yourself and your attitude to the situation better. A lot of psychologists state that writing about yourself and gained experiences help know who you really are. Every life-changing experience is unique and sharing it with others assist in understanding of the different unexplainable issues. Every writer has his or her own reflections and attitudes. It is always interesting to share your opinions revealing interesting facts and ideas. Evoke specific emotions and let the reader feel the situation from the inside.

Narration writing teaches you to describe personal experience with the aim of entertaining readers and awakening their curiosity. It is crucially important to do it in the most efficient way to draw reader's attention to the storyteller. A narrative essay has its own requirements and essential functions. These are the following:

* To involve readers in the story creating a sense of shared experience.
* To create a psychological impact. The person must learn from your story and find something useful and helpful. Remember that your life experience can help others deal with their own problems.
* Your story must be exciting. A well-written narrative essay can evoke the same feelings as a fascinating novel or a blockbuster movie.
* To show your personal understanding. Your essay must provoke the readers to discover the new opportunities, change their life values, and make reasonable conclusions.

### Narrative Essay Peculiarities

Description is the main characteristic of the essay. You share your experience revealing the most intimate details. You disclose the facts that had the strongest influence on your personality. Remember that the way you think or feel is fundamental since it creates the atmosphere in your essay. You don't simply tell the story, you analyze the actions performed, the words said, and the ideas put into actions. There must be compelling arguments to support and convey your point of view. Emphasize the importance of the experienced story. If you made your reader fall to thinking - you achieved a forceful effect. The topic you choose must be interesting and important to the writer because we are very sensitive to things that really matters to us.

### Components of a Good Narrative Essay

* A good narrative essay gets the reader to being involved in the sequence of the story. Recreation of the elements is much more impressive than a simple storytelling.
* A good narration is written in strict accordance with the sequence of events. Each situation should be related to the time and obstacles where it takes place. Use all the necessary techniques to make pictures alive.
* A successfully written narrative essay contains detailed observation of places, events, fallings, and emotions. Describe smells, tastes, desires, sights, and people. Every single detail is important.
* Narrative essay must be intriguing. Don't afraid to be too effusive. You are allowed to show the greatest conflict drawing a parallel between past and present. The slightest tension make your readers feel.
* Remember that narrative essays are written from the author's point of view.
* Create an ideal balance not telling the whole story. Leave some place for guessing. That is the best feature of a good narrative essay.

There always must be a dominant impression. Try to lead all details (scenes, places, connections, conflicts, and conclusions) to this key point. Emphasize the importance of this particular experience described in your essay.