

Narrative Essays



Purpose

The purpose of a narrative essay is to tell a story.



Organization

- Narrative essays are organized in chronological order. They tell a story in the order that the events happened.
- Like any other essay, the narrative essay should begin with an introductory paragraph, which will set up the event being related.
- This paragraph will be followed by a minimum of three body paragraphs.
- Always end your essay with a memorable and strong concluding paragraph.
- Always remember to stick to one point throughout the essay. Each paragraph should flow smoothly from one to another.

Transitions

- Essays require transitional words and phrases to move them along smoothly.
- Some transitions for narrative essays are first, next, then, and finally.

Viewpoint

- Because narrative essays are sometimes personal in nature, the writer can use the first-person point of view. All other essays require the use of the third-person point of view.
- Since narrative essays allow the writer to tell a personal story, they can be the most enjoyable to write, so have fun with the assignment!