

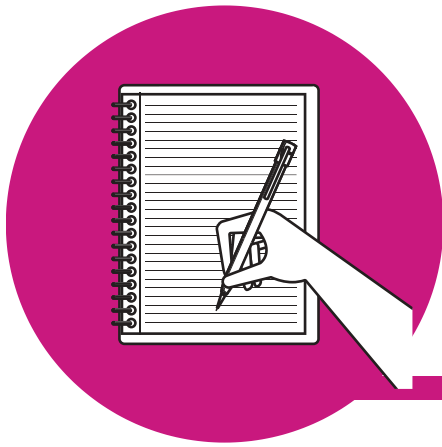
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Student Writing Tips

Narrative Essays

The main purpose of **narrative essays** is to share a story or experience. They do not argue, teach, or persuade readers to believe a certain point of view. **Narrative essays** describe a person, a scene, or an event in the order that it happened. This is usually a personal story where a person gets to share his or her experience, but this could also be someone sharing a point of view in the form of a story. We include the following features in a **narrative essay**:

- **Plot:** The main events in your essay. For example, you could write about how you started your first job.
- **Setting:** When and where the story happens (location and time) For example, when you started working at a company or a job.
- **Characters:** Who is in your story? The main character is the person who experiences the event. We call this character the protagonist. There could also be supporting characters. These are other people who have an effect on the main character. For example, family members, your manager, and people you meet around the world.
- **Conflict:** A problem the main character encounters. For example, you didn't like your first job and had to rediscover what you would love to do.
- **Theme:** The moral of the story or what you have learned in the process. For example, doing what you love is more important than earning a lot of money.



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Student Writing Practice

Write a narrative essay about the best career advice you have ever received. Answer these questions in your essay:

- How did it help you plan your career?
- What career advice would you give someone else?

Remember to include the following features in your narrative essay:

- **Plot:** The main events
- **Setting:** When and where the story happened
- **Characters:** Who is in your story?
- **Conflict:** A problem the main character encounters
- **Theme:** The moral of the story / What you have learned

Use various forms of **present tense** in your essay.

For more information and examples of narrative essays, visit:
<https://www.collegeessay.org/blog/narrative-essay-writing>



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