

NARRATIVE ESSAY

Characteristics of a Narrative Essay

- The purpose is to inform or to tell a story
- Writer is a storyteller
- Describes a person, scene, or event in detail (emphasis on showing rather than telling)
- Information is presented in a chronological order
- Written in 1st person voice (using “I”), somewhat informal
- Can include dialogue

When writing a paper, you should follow these six steps. This handout guides you through the *six steps for writing a Narrative Essay*.

Step 1. Organizing your Thoughts (Brainstorming)

Step 2. Researching your Topic

Step 3. Developing a Thesis Statement

Step 4. Writing the Introduction

Step 5. Writing the Body of the Essay

Step 6. Writing the Conclusion