



Narrative Writing Literacy Narrative

For this summative essay assignment, you will be crafting a literacy narrative. As you know from the sample narratives we read in class, a literacy narrative shares a powerful experience with literacy in any of its varied forms. As you brainstorm and plan your essay, think carefully about your experiences with reading, writing, and learning language. Ask yourself these questions as a way to narrow your ideas:

- Have I read something that has had a profound impact on me? What? How? Why?
- What memory of my early literacy learning (to read, to write) is most vivid to me, and for what reasons?
- What are my experiences in learning a new language? How have those experiences changed my perspective?
- What experience with writing has left a lasting impression on me? Why?
- Has literacy in any form created any moments of epiphany for me? Why? How?
- What can others understand from my sharing of this story?

Your literacy narrative should explore not only how literacy has had an impact on you or your life, but also should be mindful of what readers can glean from sharing the story. Review the sample narratives we studied as models of this style of narrative. Follow the guidelines below:

Guidelines:

- Your narrative must be non-fiction. This is a first-person personal narrative.
- Consider all of the elements of a good narrative; use your book and notes to help refresh your memory.
- Your narrative must have a structure. It would be a very good idea to map out your narrative before you begin composing it.
- To engage the reader, use figures of speech, active voice, powerful and precise modifiers, and carefully selected details.
- Your narrative should leave the reader with a theme or message that is implied, not explicitly stated, and which creates a sense of closure.
- Your narrative should be no longer than four pages.
- Your narrative should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font. Use MLA format.
- Consult the attached rubric; it will be used to score your narrative.

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Not Yet (1 – 6)	Proficient (7 – 8)	Advanced (9 – 10)
	<p>The narrative has a structure that indicates an understanding of the elements of plot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Hook • Exposition • Rising Action • Climax • Falling Action • Resolution 	
	<p>The narrative uses detail to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage the reader in a sensory experience • Convince the reader of the authenticity of the story 	
	<p>To engage the reader, the narrative includes interesting language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figures of Speech • Active Voice • Powerful and Precise Modifiers 	
	<p>The narrative is written in a consistent point of view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Person • Third Person • Third Omniscient 	
	<p>The narrative leaves the reader with a message or moral that is implied, but not explicitly stated, creating a sense of closure for the reader.</p>	
	<p>The narrative is proofread and edited. There are very limited spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors, and they do not interfere with reader understanding.</p>	
	<p>MLA format is followed in all regards.</p>	

Score: /70