

Writing Essays → Types of Essays

Level: High School

Different types of essays help you get your point across in different ways.

- **Expository essays** give information.
- **Persuasive essays** argue an opinion.
- **Comparative essays** note similarities in and differences between two things.
- **Narrative essays** tell a story. Because a narrative essay tells a story, its structure is different than the other essays. A narrative essay has story elements such as plot and characters, a climax, and a resolution.

Plan a narrative essay by answering the questions below.

1. A narrative essay is most often based on an experience. About what experience will **your** narrative essay be?
2. A narrative essay illustrates or contains one central idea or lesson. What is the central idea or lesson of your essay?
3. List the characters in your narrative.
4. Plan the beginning of your narrative by noting rising points in the action that lead to the climax.
5. Plan the end of your narrative by noting the falling points of action that lead to the resolution.

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6. Note descriptive details, dialogue, and other information you plan to use that will contribute to your story and central theme.

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