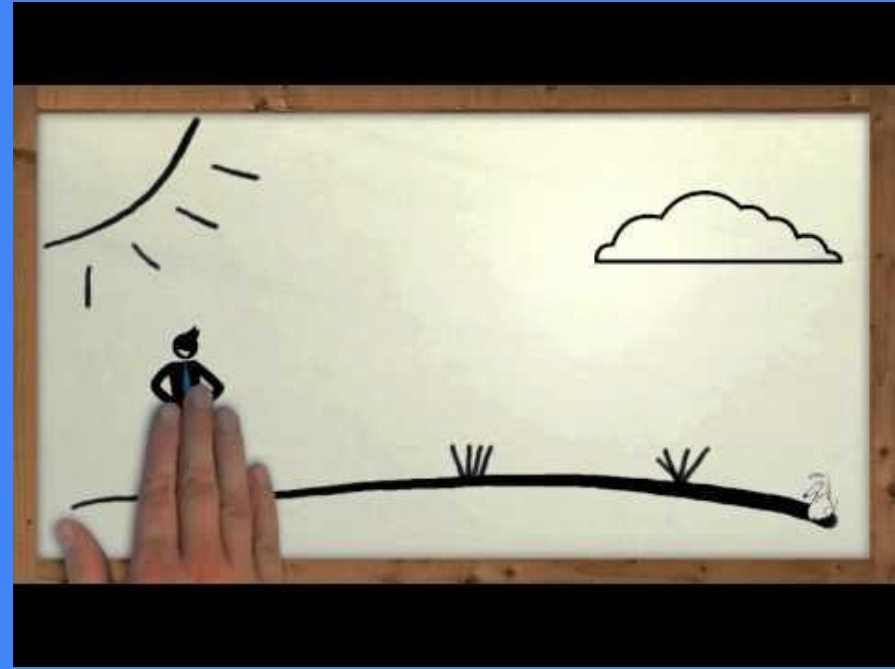


Narrative & Fiction Writing



What is a narrative?

- ★ A narrative is a story that tells about an experience
- ★ It has a beginning, middle, and end
- ★ Sometimes there is a problem that characters have to solve
- ★ Sometimes there is no problem, you're just describing an event



Getting Ideas

- ★ **Brainstorm:** list 3-5 possible topics you could write stories about
- ★ **Prewrite:** pick ONE topic & focus 1-3 major events for that story
- ★ **Plan:** draw out your story using a story map:
 - *use a roller coaster, web, spider, list, or comic strip to draw story outline*



MHM's Favorite
Roller Coaster
Story Map

Openers

★ Catch a reader's attention & introduce the story

★ Separate paragraph from the rest of the story

★ Start with a *HOOK*

★ Add characters & setting

★ Finish with the focus of the story

MHM's Favorite Hook: Dialogue

"Who are you?" asked the teacher,. She was standing in her classroom Monday morning very confused. Instead of students, she was surrounded by aliens!

Middle Paragraphs

★ Each major event is a new, separate paragraph

- Ex: 2 events = 2 middle paragraphs

★ Put paragraphs in time order (what happened first, next, last)

★ Describe EACH event using:

- Transition words
- Dialogue
- Figurative language
- Strong vocabulary

Transition Words

★ Put story events in good order & sequence

★ Keeps your story organized

★ Makes it easy for readers to follow & understand

★ Sequence Transition Words

LINKING IDEAS USING WORDS, PHRASES AND CLAUSES

To Show Order



after
at this time
before
during
finally
first
following
next

previously
second
since
soon
then
third
while

To Add Information



additionally
along with
also
another
as well
besides

finally
for example
for instance
furthermore
in addition
too

To Indicate a Purpose or Reason



so that
with this in mind
because

In fact
in order to
furthermore

To Give Examples



such as
for example
evidence of this

for instance
in this case
proof of this

To Compare



as
compared to
like
for the same reason

similar to
similarly

To Contrast



however
sometimes
on the other hand
nevertheless
in contrast

yet
except
but
in spite of
whereas

To Emphasize



absolutely
always
definitely
especially
without a doubt

in fact
never
particularly
positively

To Conclude



all in all
as a result
finally
in conclusion
in summary

in brief
lastly
overall
therefore
to sum up

Do

use transition words and phrases to connect ideas from one sentence to another, or from one paragraph to another.

Don't

repeat the same transition word or phrase too often.

Dialogue

★ Show characters talking

★ Makes it interesting & gives character info

★ Dialogue Punctuation

- "Quotes around the words being said"
- A comma separating the quote from the description
- Include a talking verb
- Include character name

There are some extra rules we will talk about!

**"My class is going bananas,"
screamed the teacher.**

**The children
chanted, "We want
bananas!"**

● Figurative Language

★ Describe characters, settings, and events

★ Easy way to make it interesting

● ★ Focus:

- Similes
- Metaphors
- Alliteration
- Hyperbole
- Onomatopoeia

● ★ Brainpop: Similes & Metaphors



The ball streaked across the field like a meteor.

Strong Vocabulary

★ SHOW don't tell

★ Describe characters, settings, & events

- Thoughts, feelings, & the 5 senses

★ Use strong words instead of "said", "happy", "good"

- Banish Boring Words

Weak Words: The bad girl wanted money so she stole some.

Strong Words: Because the evil woman desired treasure, she purloined an enormous chest of golden coins.

Even changing just ONE of the words makes it better!

Closers


- ★ Wrap up the story with a clear ending
- ★ Separate paragraph from the rest of the story
- ★ Use a *HOOK*
- ★ Remind the reader about what happened

MHM's Favorite Hook: Lesson Learned

In the end, the teacher continued teaching the aliens all of the 4th grade curriculum. She learned that even though her students looked a little different, they still needed her help to be ready for 5th grade.

COMPLETING THE NARRATIVE!

Revising	vs.	Editing
Add sentences & words where appropriate.		Capitalization of nouns, names, "I," etc.
Remove words & sentences you don't need or that don't make sense.		Usage (proper) of nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.
Move words, sentences, paragraphs, or even scenes around as needed.		PUNCTUATION is in all of the right places... but not in the wrong ones!
Substitute boring, bland, and common words and sentences with vivid, descriptive words and sentences.		Spelling all of the words you're using correctly.

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● Revise

★ Making your words & sentences sound clearer & better

★ ADD sentences & words

● ★ REMOVE unneeded words & sentences

★ MOVE sentences or words

● ★ SUBSTITUTE words or sentences for better ones

DON'T FORGET

- Meet with 2-3 peers & get feedback!
- Ask a peer to focus on one of your weaknesses.
- After meeting, make changes to your writing!

Edit

★ Making your writing look clearer & better

★ Capitalization

★ Usage: match nouns & verbs

★ Punctuation

★ Spelling

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***IT'S TIME TO
PUBLISH & SHARE!***

