

Narrative writing - starter ideas

Narrative writing tells of a story or event. Nonfiction narrative tells a story or event that is true - all these ideas are actually about nonfiction narrative, not fiction. Refer to Sue Dymock's ideas about narrative to give guideline on setting, characters and plot (Problem - Response - Action - Outcome).

Possible activities:

- pretend you were someone in the past, and write about your life or your day
- write a journal entry imagining you were someone else
- write a description of what it is like in one environment, and then you move to another environment that is completely different
- pretend you survived a terrible disaster, and write an article for a newspaper about what you experienced
- write the script for a TV news item about a particular event
- write about what it feels like to be alone with no friends
- write about your feelings while something is happening to you
- write about how a person or place changed over a period of time
- list words and phrases about an exciting event in nature (like a storm or flood) and then write about it
- write a song about your feelings about something
- write a newspaper report about an exciting event
- write a poem
- write a story about a discovery and compare it with other discoveries
- write about an experience you have had with an animal
- write from an animal's or a toy's point of view
- write about something amazing you used to believe when you were small
- write about a humorous event