

Narrative Essay Outline Template-fill this in using point form

1. **What narrative essay topic/ idea did you pick?**

2. **Narrowing down your narrative essay topic/idea:**

Original story idea-

Narrowed story idea- (make it more specific)

Story idea narrowed again- (make it even more specific)

Story idea narrowed even more- (if needed)

3. **Developing your thesis statement-**

- a. What is the point of your essay going to be? (what are you going to be trying to prove)
(ask yourself questions like: What changed in me when I had the experience? What did I learn? What was memorable? What was my take-away from that experience?)

Thesis statement:

What is the purpose of your essay going to be?

Narrative essay outline-

Beginning/Introduction (be descriptive)

- a. What is your attention grabber going to be?
- b. What was happening when everything started? Make a list of what was going on. (Think who what where when why how)

c. What do you remember seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling, touching? What movements were taking place around you?

d. What were you feeling?

e. How are you going to fit in your thesis statement?

Middle- (as the climax is taking place-what was happening as it became more dramatic) (be descriptive)

a. What was happening? (set the scene) List events in order. Decide what parts to take out when you write your rough copy.

b. What do you remember seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling, touching? What movements were taking place around you? Describe the events with details.

c. What were you feeling?

d. What is the climax of your story? How are you going to make it stand out?

End/Conclusion-(When did you come to your realization? How were you feeling? What was going on?)

a. What was happening?

b. What do you remember seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling, touching? What movements were taking place around you?

c. What were you feeling?

d. What did you learn from your experience?

e. How did the experience teach you that lesson? (sum up the story-Remind the reader why you told it and what it should communicate to them.)

f. What is your conclusion statement going to be?