

A MODEL FOR NARRATIVE WRITING

Paragraph One:

Choose an incident. Ask yourself questions like who, what, when, where, why, and how. Begin with a sentence that grabs the reader's attention. Consider beginning with dialogue, a question, or the ending of the story and working back to recount the events that got you to the end.

Paragraph Two:

Begin this paragraph with the first event and the supporting details. You may include dialogue around a specific incident to add interest.

Paragraph Three:

Write about the second event in the story. Be sure to make the story chronological. Add three specific, supporting details about the event to build interest.

Paragraph Four:

Choose a third event in the story that is in chronological order and then add supporting details. This could be the climax of the story.

Paragraph Five:

Provide an ending or conclusion for the story. The ending could be the last event, a moral, or some other way to wrap up the story.

Questions to Guide Revision

1. What are the specific details?
2. Identify the main events in your story.
3. Which time transitions are used?
4. Identify any dialogue used.
5. List the adjectives, adverbs, and action verbs used.
6. Identify the sentence types used to show sentence variety.
8. Have you told a story with a beginning, middle, and end?