

Characteristics of Literary Fiction and Non-fiction Narrative

“Guidelines” Appendix A

Narrative Definition:

A story about fictional or real events

2 Narrative Forms:

1

Short Story

(Fiction or non-fiction)

Can be read in one sitting and explores one topic

2

Book or Novel

(Fiction or non-fiction)

Has longer, more complicated and/or multiple plot lines

Note:

- Religious narratives (including retellings or alternate versions) fall within this category.
- Students competing in the literary fiction or non-fiction narrative category may present a short story.

4 Main Components:

1

Plot

The sequence of events within the story

2

Characters

The people, animals, or imaginary figures within the story

3

Setting

When and where the story takes place

4

Theme

The main message of the story
(more than one theme is possible)