

Narrative paragraph writing

Purpose: To entertain or to tell a story.

1. Setting-Establish setting at the beginning. The setting helps to establish the mood. For example, if your story is a horror story and has an eerie mood it might be an idea to include a thunder storm in the setting.
2. Plot—Simply tell what happens in the order that it happens. Focus on one incident. Because this is just a short paragraph develop only one character, or two at the most.
3. Climax—Resolve the conflict of the story.

Study the examples below.

“The Ball Game”

It was a grey overcast day. As I sat in the dugout I wondered if the coach would ever put me into the game. I was sick and tired of riding the pine. We never won any games anyhow so I did not understand why I could not play. As I sat, I saw our second baseman, Jordan, take a ground ball to the face. He was seriously injured!! Finally, I'd have my chance to play! Yeah, Baby!!! Our coach came over to the bench. I got up, ready to go into the game. Then, the coach said, “Arndt, can you give Jordan a ride to the hospital?” (Note—Think about how different this story would be if told from the point-of-view of the coach or Jordan).

“Treasure Hunt”

It was very quiet. Slowly he moved ahead until he reached the cavern entrance. With beating heart he leaned forward scarcely daring to breathe. The shadowy and forbidding depths with the hint of things horrible and unseen gaped a horrid warning. But he had spent many years of unremitting search and constant toil for just such a moment as this. Besides he did not lack courage. Weapon in hand he pressed onward with grim resolution and peered within. From the grim shadowed depths came a yellow gleam- the glitter of yellow metal. Gold!! Wherever he looked the same yellow glimmer met his eye. The cavern was a veritable treasure trove. But as he leaned eagerly forward, as though to test the evidence of his senses, there came a weird gurgling snarl from the black depths. In strangled accents came a voice: “I think it's the front tooth, Doctor.”