

A Narrative Essay

The Assignment

Assignment Topic:

The Hardest Thing I Ever Had To Do

Narratives are stories. Narratives are plots. They are essays that tell a story — hopefully in an interesting way — that also convey themes. Ultimately, you will have written a narrative (story) that reads more pleurably than academically.

Points to Consider:

- ❖ Rather than telling your readers what happened, use vivid details and descriptions to actually recreate the experience for your readers.
- ❖ Think like your readers. Try to remember that the information you present is the only information your readers have about the experiences.
- ❖ Always keep in mind that all of the small and seemingly unimportant details known to you are not necessarily known to your readers.

Getting Going:

It's often effective to *begin your narrative with a paragraph that introduces the experience and communicates the significance*. This technique guarantees that your readers will understand the significance of the experience as they progress through the narrative.

Another effective technique is to begin the essay by *jumping directly into the narrative and then ending the essay with a paragraph communicating the significance of the experience*. This approach allows your readers to develop their own understanding of the experience through the body of the essay and then more deeply connect to your expression of the significance at the end.

Assignment Structure:

The essay must include a word count at the top of the page, underneath your name.

Word count must be **300-400 words**.

Use Times New Roman font, 12 pt. (Double-spaced)

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