

To plan your ELA PSSA narrative essay, think *inside* the boxes!

Sample narrative: Think about writing a story with the title “An Unforgettable Adventure.” Consider what happened before, during, and after the adventure.

For your teacher, write a story with the title “An Unforgettable Adventure.” Consider story elements (for example, character, setting, and plot) as you develop your narrative.

NARRATIVE ESSAY: ELEMENTS

Start a new paragraph when there is a change in time, place, speaker, or action.

The most exciting part of the story;
When we learn the outcome

Climax

Events leading
to the end of the
story

Where the
main character
faces a series
of conflicts

Rising Action

Falling Action

Resolution

End of the story

Exposition

Beginning of the
story where
characters and
setting are
introduced

- Immediately jump into the action

**Plot
Diagram**

The Dirty Dozen

AVOID... Errors in Academic Form

1. The pronoun *I* including but not limited to: “I feel,” “I believe,” “I think”
2. The pronoun *you* in any shape or form
3. Contractions
4. Questions???? and Exclamations!!!!
5. Absolutes: *never* or *always*
6. “In my opinion”
7. “Like I said before”
8. “I will tell you” or “This is about”
9. “Due to the fact of”
10. “To start with” or “To begin with”
11. “Another example/reason/thing is that”
12. “The end”