Narrative Writing - Genre Drafting Template

The Prompt	Key Content	Essential Structural Elements
When we think of learning, we usually think of school, but school is just one of many places where learning takes place. We also learn at home and at play, with family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers. Describe an event outside of school during which you learned something new. Remember to use specific details.	Who is the audience? What is my purpose? What are the key ideas I must address?	What kind of essay is required? What specific components do I need to include?

The Introduction *Which of the following "moves" will you make to introduce your narrative?* ❑ Establish the time and place ❑ Elaborate with description ❑ Define the purpose ❑ Provide background Information ❑ Show a cause and effect relationship	**The Language of Introduction** *An event that illustrates_____.* *A life experience that taught me _____.* *I learned _____ as a result of_____.* *At the time I was _____.* *To understand the situation ____.* *I remember _____.* *Looking back, _____ _____.* *____ was important because__.*	**Drafting an Introduction**
Starting the Narrative *Which of the following "moves" will you make to begin your narrative?* ❑ Initiate action ❑ Introduce conflict ❑ Sequence events ❑ Add information ❑ Elaborate with description ❑ Show a cause and effect relationship ❑ Express thoughts and emotions	**The Language of Narration** *It started when _____.* *It began with _____.* *I realized I was in trouble when ____ _____.* *It became clear that _____.* *During this time _____.* *Later _____.* *It's important to understand _____.* *I noticed that _____.* *This led to _____.* *Before long _____.* *I began to feel _____.* *I soon discovered _____.* *The situation grew _____.*	**Drafting Narration**

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Narrative Writing Template - continued

Building Narration	**The Language of Narration**	**Drafting Narration**
Which of the following "moves" will you make to further develop your narrative? ❑ Initiate action ❑ Introduce conflict ❑ Sequence events ❑ Add information ❑ Elaborate with description ❑ Show a cause and effect relationship ❑ Express thoughts and emotions	*The story continues with _____.* *With each passing hour/day, I _____.* *I recall that _____.* *It became clear that _____.* *Suddenly, it occurred to me ____.* *Soon after _____.* *Once I realized that _____.* *Time passed _____.* *I saw/heard _____.* *This led to _____.* *Before long _____.* *I began to feel _____.* *I soon discovered _____.* *The situation grew _____.*	
The Resolution	**The Language of Resolution**	**Drafting the Resolution**
Which of the following "moves" will you make to close your narrative on a thoughtful note? ❑ Sequence final events ❑ Show cause and effect relationships ❑ Express thoughts and emotions ❑ Elaborate with description ❑ Resolve conflict ❑ Reflect on purpose	*It came to an end when _____.* *Eventually _____.* *Finally _____.* *I knew it was over because _____* *Without warning _____.* *Apparently _____.* *The truth was _____.* *I noticed that _____.* *I now understand _____.* *This event taught me that _____.* *From _____, I learned that _____.* *Upon reflection, I realize _____* *Until this experience, I didn't understand _____.*	