

# Writing Narrative Paragraphs (Assignment #1)

## Part 1 — Writing Narrative Paragraphs to Summarize the Events of a Story


After reading the story *The Tell-tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe, identify what the important events in the story are. You will use these key points to write a narrative paragraph that summarizes the events in the story.

Planning & Outline	/5
Spelling, organization, and grammar	/ 2.5
Rough Draft	/2.5
Good copy	/10

Total = / 20

Use this box and timeline to write down the order of some of the key events that took place in the story:

Beginning	<i>What happens from the beginning to the end of the story?</i>	End
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Using the outline below, you will plan out what you are writing in your paragraph.

**Topic Sentence:** (What is the main idea/point of your paragraph? What is your topic and what will you be saying about it in your paragraph?)

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**Detail/Body Sentences** (The middle part of your paragraph. What are you telling your reader about the topic? Specific. Talks about one single idea.)

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**(Optional:)**

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Concluding Sentence** (Restates the main idea of the paragraph. Summarizes the point of your paragraph.)

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Part 2 — Narrative Paragraph About Genre and Theme

Now that you have written a narrative paragraph that summarizes the events of the story, you will write a narrative paragraph that explains the genre and theme of the story. In this paragraph you will identify what the genre is, what you believe the theme is. Why do you believe that this is the theme? Use

The genre of the story is:

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What do you believe the theme of this story is (**main idea**):

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What has happened in the story that makes you believe that this is the theme? (**ideas for body sentence details**)

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**Concluding Sentence** (Restates the main idea of the paragraph. Summarizes the point of your paragraph.)

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