



Writing Workshop I – The Narrative

English 8



TASK: Using what you have learned about short stories and narrative writing over the past month, you will write either:

1. a short story -or-
2. a personal narrative of your own based on one of the following topics: school, friends or family.

DATES: There will be numerous points leading up to this deadline in which you will be expected to have portions of the assignment done and these checks will make up a portion of the assignment's mark.

- Premise Approval: _____
- Brainstorming _____
- Drafting Days: _____
- Peer Editing: _____
- Final Copy Due: _____

GUIDELINES:

- Your story must be a minimum of 2 pages but not exceed 3 pages. The assignment must be typed using size 12 point font (Times New Roman) and double spaced.
- Your story must have only one main character.
- Your story must have a minimum of ONE and a maximum of 3 supporting characters
- Your story must clearly fit on a plot graph (contain all 6 sections of the plot pyramid)
- Your story must include 10 lines of dialogue.
- Your story must clearly include at least one of the four types of conflict.
- Your story must have a resolution. No cliff-hangers allowed. Example: To be continued...
- TIP: Keep your story simple. The idea is to tell a story, not get your reader lost in your mind.
- TIP: Avoid choppiness. String your sentences together for better fluency.
- TIP: Avoid using excessive exclamation marks and over use of the word "said".
- TIP: Use your notes and dialogue rules to help you.

My Premise Line: *Tell your story in one or two sentences.*

Is this a _____ short story? _____ personal narrative?