**Steps of Writing a Narrative**

Note: There are different kinds of narratives but the information below focusses on fictional narratives.

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| **Narrative Writing** |  |
| **I.  1st paragraph: SETTING**        a.  Setting (Time and Place)               1.  describe in detail the place.               2.  mention the main character.  **II.  2nd paragraph: CHARACTER**        a.  Character development               1.  Describe your main character in great detail.               2.  You may want to describe other characters as well.  **III.  PROBLEM**        a.  Every narrative must have a problem and a solution.  You will make new paragraphs only if/when the time or place changes.  **IV.  SOLUTION or Resolution**        a.  If there is no solution to the problem, there must be a resolution.  A resolution is what happened as a result of the problem not being solved.  You will make new paragraphs only if/when the time or place changes.  **V.  ENDING**        a.  A common fairytale ending is, "And they lived happily ever after."  However, your ending should be more creative and imaginative. How has the character changed. |  | |

Features of a Narrative

* Dramatic heading/title.
* Written in first or third person.
* Written in past tense.
* The main characters are usually human.
* Action verbs.
* Adjectives, adverbs and lots of detail.
* Some direct speech.
* A variety of sentence types.