

EXPLORING THE NARRATIVE

Name: _____



Directions: The personal narrative is essentially a short story from a first person perspective, so the narrative should have all the elements of a short story.

Each of you will read a sample student narrative and answer the following questions.

Anticipating the Dream: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/anticipating-dream>

Caught in the Net: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/caught-net>

Huddling Together: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/huddling-together>

H's Hickory Chips: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/h's-hickory-chips>

It's a Boy!: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/it's-boy>

My Greatest Instrument: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/my-greatest-instrument>

Snapshots: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/snapshots>

Take Me to Casablanca: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/take-me-casablanca>

The Boy with Chris Pine Blue Eyes:

<https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/boy-chris-pine-blue-eyes>

The Climb: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/climb>

The House on Medford Avenue:

<https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/studentmodels/house-medford-avenue>

Story Title _____

1. How does the writer hook you into the story?

2. Summarize the central conflict or purpose of the story.

3. How does the writer incorporate setting? What time of day, week, year does this event take place? Where does the event take place (i.e. state, geographical location, structure--school, home, etc.)

4. From whose point of view is the story being told? _____

5. What other characters are introduced that contribute to the story?

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6. Explore character description. Find one quote from the story that describes a character in the story.

7. Is there any dialogue included in the story? If yes, provide an example of dialogue in the story:

8. Look for sensory descriptive language. In the space below try to find one example of each:

- What did the writer see? _____
- What did the writer smell? _____
- What did the writer taste? _____
- What did the writer feel? _____
- What did the writer hear? _____

9. What occurred in the climactic moment of the story? Provide a 1-2 sentence summary:

10. What did the writer learn from this experience? What realizations did the writer come to understand?
