

A **narrative** tells a story.

A **narrative** has **characters**, **setting**, and **plot**.

Parts of a Narrative			Example
Beginning	Characters & Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A character is a person, animal, or thing who acts or speaks in the story.Setting is where and when a narrative takes place.	<p>A long time ago, in a jail tower on the island of Crete, Icarus waited for the day he would be set free. Icarus was the son of a master craftsman named Daedalus.</p> <p>Icarus was mistaken for a thief and put in the jail tower. He knew his father would be disappointed in him. Desperate to get out, he used bird feathers and wax to create wings. With the little magic he kept in his pocket watch, he was able to cast a spell. He flew out of the tower! He was on his way to see his father and find the real thief.</p>
Middle	Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The plot is the problem and solution in a narrative.	
End	Solution		



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Which text below has a character? Explain.

A Thor had a magic hammer.

B The magic hammer gave him strength and flight.

Which text below has a setting? Explain.

A Thor is the god of thunder.

B Thor is the prince of Asgard, an icy region in Norway.

Which text below has a plot? Explain.

A The great snake attacked his land, and Thor defeated it.

B Thor is known as the god of thunder and lightning.

In your own words, what is in a narrative?

- 1 Read the story.
- 2 Identify the characters (circle) and the setting (underline).
- 3 Identify the problem and solution of the plot. (write)

¹Jason landed on the secret island. ²The fleece was on the island and guarded by a dragon. ³Before sailing to the Island, Princess Medea gave Jason a sleeping potion for emergencies. ⁴Jason used the potion to put the dragon to sleep. Then, he grabbed the fleece and sailed away.

1. What problem does the character Jason face?

2. What is the solution?

¹Long ago in Greece, the goddess Athena heard the human Arachne boast that she was a better weaver than Athena herself. ²Athena challenged Arachne to a weaving contest. ³Both did beautiful work, but Arachne wove better. ⁴Athena was angry and punished Arachne. ⁵She turned Arachne into a spider who would weave forever.

3. What problem does the character Athena face?

4. What is the solution?

Skill Closure

- 1 Read the story.
- 2 Identify the characters (circle) and the setting (underline).
- 3 Identify the problem and solution of the plot. (write)

¹Paul Bunyan was the biggest logger ever in the North Woods. ²He was so big that eating was a huge chore. ³For breakfast, seven cooks flipped pancakes for an hour to fill him up. ⁴For lunch, ten cooks made 100 sandwiches. ⁵It took the cooks five hours. ⁶By dinner, 20 cooks stewed a big pot of soup that took the whole day to make!

1. What problem does the character Paul Bunyan face?

2. What is the solution?

 **Concept Closure**
Write the structure of the narrative of this photo.



Structure			Narrative
Beginning	Characters & Setting	<u>Who</u> is the story about?	
		<u>Where</u> and <u>when</u> does the story take place?	
Middle	Problem & Solution	What is the <u>problem</u> ?	
End		What is the <u>solution</u> ?	

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about analyzing the structure of a narrative?

Word Bank

story, narrative
character
setting, problem
plot, solution

Read the narratives. Circle the character(s) and underline the setting. Then, answer the questions.

¹Tom was told by his Aunt Polly to paint the long fence in front of her house. ²Tom knew he would lose out on Saturday fun, and he would get teased by other boys who didn't have to work. ³Then, an idea rose up. ⁴If he made the work special, he could get the boys to help him. ⁵Soon, Tom had traded a chance to paint for apples, marbles, and more. ⁶He also sat in the shade and watched the fence get painted.

1. What problem does the character Tom face?

2. What is the solution?

¹In ancient Greece, Hercules was given the task to slay the Hydra. ²Hydra was a poisonous multi-headed creature. ³Every time Hercules cut off one head, two more grew back. ⁴Finally, he dipped his sword in the monster's poisonous blood and burned each neck so the head couldn't grow back.

3. What problem does the character Hercules face?

4. What is the solution?



Listening

Listen to the story.

Answer the questions using the word bank.

Shriya

Benares

Grandmother

Tabla

Structure			Narrative
Beginning	Characters & Setting	1. Who is the main character in the story?	
		2. What is the setting?	
Middle	Problem & Solution	3. What problem does the character face?	
End		4. What is the solution?	

Read the narratives. Circle the character(s) and underline the setting. Then, answer the questions.

¹The Ents are tree-like creatures in Middle Earth who protect the forests. ²Treebeard is the oldest one. ³The Ents become angry at the wizard Saruman whose armies are cutting down trees. ⁴Treebeard calls a council of Ents. ⁵They decide to go after Saruman. ⁶The Ents destroy Saruman's castle and dams and trap him in a tower.

1. What problem does the character face?

2. What is the solution?



Reading

Read the text. Fill in the blank with the word bank provided.

mountain

in Australia

Long ago

The Sun

Aram

The Rainbow

_____ the land was dry and colorless _____, the leader of men, complained to the Great Spirit. He went to the highest _____ and spoke to the Sun. "Why do we suffer in this barren world?" he asked _____ ignored him. So, Aram told the dust to whirl into huge clouds to block out the Sun. The Sun was amazed that a man could block his light. The Sun spoke like thunder, "Watch the sky, Aram of men, and know your request is granted." The sky grew dark. Thunder rolled and lightning sparked. Men were afraid. But the rain began to fall. The earth swallowed it up greedily. Then, the Sun's rays beamed across the sky forming an arc of color. As men watched, the "rainbow" melted, dropping color throughout the land.

Identify the problem and solution of the text you just read.

1. What problem does the main character face?

2. What is the solution?



Writing

Write the problem and solution.

Read the story. Finish the story by writing a problem and solution.

Structure		Narrative
Beginning	Characters & Setting	Suddenly, the door burst open. A man in a yellow hazard suit entered the office building , waving his arms and mumbling through his mask.
Middle	Problem & Solution	
End		

Read the narratives. Circle the character(s) and underline the setting. Then, answer the questions.

Sherlock Holmes told Dr. Watson that he recently was out in bad weather in London . He also told him that he had a careless servant. Watson wanted to know how Holmes knew that. Holmes said it was elementary. Watson's shoe had six parallel cuts around the edge of the sole. This must be due to scraping mud from the shoe and the person who did it was careless leaving the marks.

1. What problem does the character Watson face?

2. What is the solution?