A **narrative** tells a story.
A **narrative** has **characters**, **setting**, and **plot**.

Parts of a Narrative			Example
Beginning	**Characters & Setting**	• A **character** is a person, animal, or thing who **acts** or **speaks** in the story. • **Setting** is **where** and **when** a narrative takes place.	**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**.
Middle	**Problem**	• The **plot** is the **problem** and **solution** in a narrative.	**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.
End	**Solution**		

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Which text below has a character? Why?

A   **Thor had a magic hammer.**

B   **The magic hammer gave him strength and flight.**

Which text below has a setting? Why?

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? Why?

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? _____

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

[1]Jason landed on the secret island. [2]The fleece was on the island and guarded by a dragon. [3]Before sailing to the island, Princess Medea gave Jason a sleeping potion for emergencies. [4]Jason 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?

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2.   What is the solution?

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

3.   What problem does the character Athena face?

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4.   What is the solution?

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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)

[1]Paul Bunyan was the biggest logger ever in the North Woods. [2]He was so big that eating was a huge chore. [3] For breakfast, seven cooks flipped pancakes for an hour to fill him up. [4]For lunch, ten cooks made 100 sandwiches. [5]It took the cooks five hours. [6]By 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?

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2.   What is the solution?

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

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

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

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Word Bank

Story, narrative character setting, problem plot, solution

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

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

1. **What problem does the character Tom face?**

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2. **What is the solution?**

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

3. **What problem does the character Hercules face?**

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4. **What is the solution?**

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🔊 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 became angry at the wizard Saruman whose armies were cutting down trees. ⁴Treebeard called a council of Ents. ⁵They decided to go after Saruman. ⁶The Ents destroyed his castle and dams and trapped Saruman in a tower.

1. What problem does the character face?

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2. What is the solution?

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📖 **Reading**

| 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?**

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2. **What is the solution?**

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📑 **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**	**What is the <u>problem</u>?**	
End		**What is the <u>solution</u>?**	

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

Sherlock Holmes tells Dr. Watson that he recently was out in bad weather in London and has a careless servant. Watson wants to know how Holmes knew that. Holmes says it was elementary. Watson's shoe has 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 face?

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2. What is the solution?

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