

Narrative Writing Wiki Project

Narrative Writing Requirements (English writing grade)

- Length: between 1100-1400 words
- Details: writing must include specific details (proper nouns; names of people, places, objects, plants, etc.)
- Figurative language: writing must include *at least* two instances of identifiable figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, imagery)
- Dialogue: writing must include at least 75 words of believable sounding dialogue, properly punctuated
- Sentence variety (length and style) should be varied and purposeful.
- Time span of narrative: The majority of the writing must focus on a small amount of time -- a day, a few hours. References to other events are fine, but they should be used to give context to the actual event you are describing.
- Interior monologue / reflection: At least 150 words of identifiable interior monologue (where you are thinking out loud to yourself in the writing) and/or reflection (where you comment on your actions)
- Epiphany: Your “aha” moment should be strongly implied in your writing; your insight into yourself, others, or the world around you should be implied strongly and thoughtfully reflective on issues of significance.
- Submit writing to Turnitin.com

Writing Format / What to Turn In:

- MLA format (MLA format, Times New Roman, 12 pt., double spaced, 1-inch margins, left margin justify)
 - Turn in your writing, your tri-fold, your double-sided half-sheet with your two writing ideas; submit writing to Turnitin (lose up to two writing points if not turned in on time)
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Wiki Requirements (project grade for history and English)

- Your personal Wiki page is correctly hyperlinked in the Student List page so that Mr. and Mrs. Davis (ckdavis1; jforddavis) have direct access to your page by clicking on your name.
- Chosen font is easy to read, not too small (such as the default font)
- No indents for paragraphs; skip one line for each paragraph (no extra spacing between paragraphs)
- Writing has an interesting title at the top.
- Color is used effectively in the Wiki page.
- At least six images are used on Wiki page and are spread throughout the page in a logical manner. (See info below on how to upload/insert an image.)

- At least four of the images are images original to you -- pictures that you took of the event itself, or pictures that others took of you. No more than two images can be from Internet, and they must be properly sourced, public domain / non copyrighted images.
- All images are 1/3 to 1/2 width of the page, have a caption, are text wrapped, and are oriented properly.
- At least one “extra” is included in your Wiki -- a map, a video, etc. (We are impressed when you use the full capabilities in the Wiki.)
- At least two meaningful, relevant hyperlinks to websites that correspond to text in the writing.

Grading (Writing)

5

Writing shows exceptional care in spelling, grammar, syntax
 Writing addresses topic thoroughly, creatively and with unique voice
 Writing meets/exceeds all writing requirements listed above (but doesn't exceed 1400 words)

4

Writing shows some care in spelling, grammar, syntax
 Writing addresses topic thoroughly and with some voice
 Writing may meet/exceed all writing requirements listed above

3

Writing shows average care in spelling, grammar, syntax
 Writing addresses topic adequately, may lack some voice
 Writing meets all or nearly all writing requirements listed above

2

Writing may show little care in spelling, grammar, syntax
 Writing addresses topic rather superficially and/or generically
 Writing may not meet all writing requirements listed above

1

Writing shows little care in spelling, grammar, syntax
 Writing addresses topic superficially and/or generically
 Writing may meet few of writing requirements listed above

Grading (Project)

5

Wiki meets/exceeds requirements of sample work and checklist above

Use of photos/videos/audio enhances readers' understanding of writing

Fully and effectively utilizes capabilities of Wikispaces; creates a visually engaging experience

4

Wiki may meet/exceed requirements of sample work and checklist above

Use of photos/videos/audio enhances readers' understanding of writing

Fully and effectively utilizes capabilities of Wikispaces; creates a visually engaging experience

3

Wiki meets all or nearly all requirements of sample work and checklist above

Use of photos/videos/audio adequate, and generally creates an engaging experience

Uses some capabilities of Wikispaces; creates a mostly visually engaging experience

2

Wiki may not meet all requirements of sample work and checklist above

Use of photos/videos/audio poor and/or not meeting requirements

Uses few capabilities of Wikispaces

1

Wiki meets few requirements of sample work and checklist above

Use of photos/videos/audio poor and/or not meeting requirements

Uses few capabilities of Wikispaces

Images

To add images, follow these directions:

1. Name your image in this format: "last name_image description" (such as "davis_skiing.jpg"). This will ensure that others don't upload a file that will replace your file.
2. Click on "File"
3. Choose "+ Upload Files"
4. Select the files you wish to upload.
5. Insert the image, adjust the size, and add a caption. You must wrap the text as well.
6. Be sure to add a caption.