

Teacher Ideas and Discussion Questions

1. The purpose of a narrative is to tell the audience a story. Narratives can be written to entertain, educate or motivate. Narratives can be a non fiction or a fiction.
2. Brainstorm all the types of narrative writing. (*fantasy, horror, legend, myth, fairy tale, fantasy, science fiction ...*)
3. Start with a narrative prompt and let students volunteer what comes next to write a class cooperative narrative.
4. Go on a classroom scavenger hunt to see how many different types of narratives there are throughout the classroom.
5. Brainstorm all the words used to describe characters
6. How can you begin a story to hook the audience?
7. Have students write a personal narrative about a life event.
8. Do a brainstorm with the students about some of the best narratives they've read.
9. Use wordless picture books and brainstorm a story.
10. Discuss the importance of having beginnings, middles and endings. What would happen if one was missing?
11. Review stories that have a great opening. What makes it great? What makes the reader want to read on?
12. Read selections from a variety of books to get students to determine where the setting is.
13. Determine how authors describe the setting to build the image in your mind
14. Read a few stories, have the students stop you or make jot notes every time they use their senses to comprehend the story. (*see, hear, feel, touch or taste*)
15. Brainstorm what 'page turner' means. What makes a page turner?