**About the Narrative Mode:**

***“Narration:*** *A story that is written to explain what, when, and who. It reveals what a reader should learn. Narration paragraphs are usually written in chronological order.*

*It should make a clear point: it should bring to life a moral, lesson, or idea.*

*While it is true a narrative is a story, there is more in the telling of the story. The narrative, or story, needs to make the reader feel involved, teach a lesson, help get an idea across, or feel emotionally about it. The narrative needs to explain who is in the story, tell what is happening, and when it happened. The topic sentence needs to be clear so the reader knows they are going to learn something from the story. The story itself is written in time, or chronological order, as the events occured.~ Mary M.*

***Common Transitional expressions*** *used in a narrative paragraph are after, finally, soon, as (soon as), later, then, before, meanwhile, upon, during, next, when, first, now, and while.*

*A good way to plan for a well-developed paragraph is to write out a topic sentence, then write events in chronological order and then write a conclusion. This is a good way to make sure you stay on topic and that all the events are in the correct order.”*

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