

## Thesis Statements for Narration

The thesis or topic sentence presents the subject of the narration and its significance.

My car accident was the most terrifying experience of my life.

This thesis tells us that the subject is the writer's car accident and reveals the writer's attitude toward the events.

Our family's Christmas vacation turned into a disaster.

This thesis also announces the subject, Christmas vacation, and indicates an opinion about it, that it was a disaster.

My trip out west with my girlfriend ended our relationship.

The subject is the writer's trip out west, and its significance is that it ended his relationship with his girlfriend.

Sometimes the topic sentence of a narrative paragraph begins telling the story.

On the morning of my graduation from high school, I woke feeling sick.

This thesis tells us that the subject is the writer's high school graduation and reveals that it did not go as planned.

We began our Christmas vacation as we always did, by leaving for Grandma's house before dawn.

The writer begins telling the story of her Christmas vacation by starting when her family left the house. Notice that she lets the reader know what the story will be about and gives us a clue that things will not go as normal in the story she is about to tell.

## Transitions

Transition words used in narration are generally time markers:

afterward

in the end

at last

meanwhile

at the same time

next

at this point

soon after

by this time

subsequently

eventually

then

finally

to begin with

first, second, third, etc.

### Tips on Planning Narration

1. Decide on the story you want to tell, and think about what the story means to you. Did you learn something through the experience? What