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| CCSS NARRATIVE | Write NARRATIVES to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences. |

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|  | Grade 9 | Grade 10: everything in Grade 9, plus below | Grade 11-12: everything in Grade 9 & 10, plus below |
| EXPOSITION | Engage and orient the reader by * setting out a problem, situation, or observation
* establishing one point of view
* smoothly, logically connecting experiences or events (creating a smooth progression of experiences or events)
 | * establishing multiple points of view
* introducing a narrator and/or characters
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| NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES & DEVELOPMENT | Use narrative techniques to develop experiences, events, and/or characters such as: - description - reflection | * dialogue
* pacing
* reflection
 | * multiple plot lines
* reflection
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| ORGANIZATION & COHESION | * + Use a variety of transition words, phrases and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationship among experiences and events.
 | * + Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
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| STYLE & CONVENTIONS | * + Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the setting and/or characters.
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| CONCLUSION | * + Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
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Sample prompts and annotated student responses for all three writing styles can be found online at Achieve the Core:

<http://achievethecore.org/page/505/common-core-narrative-writing-list-pg>