

# The Personal Narrative



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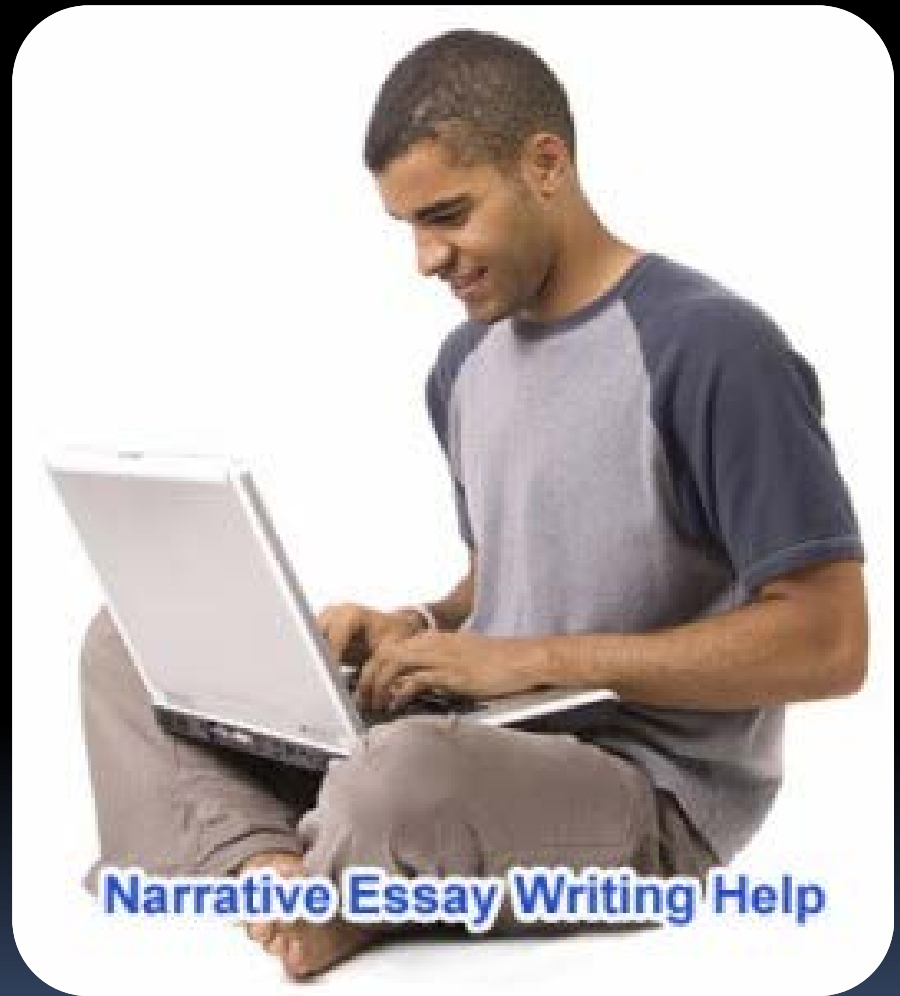


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- To narrate is to tell a story
- For our purposes, this story should be true



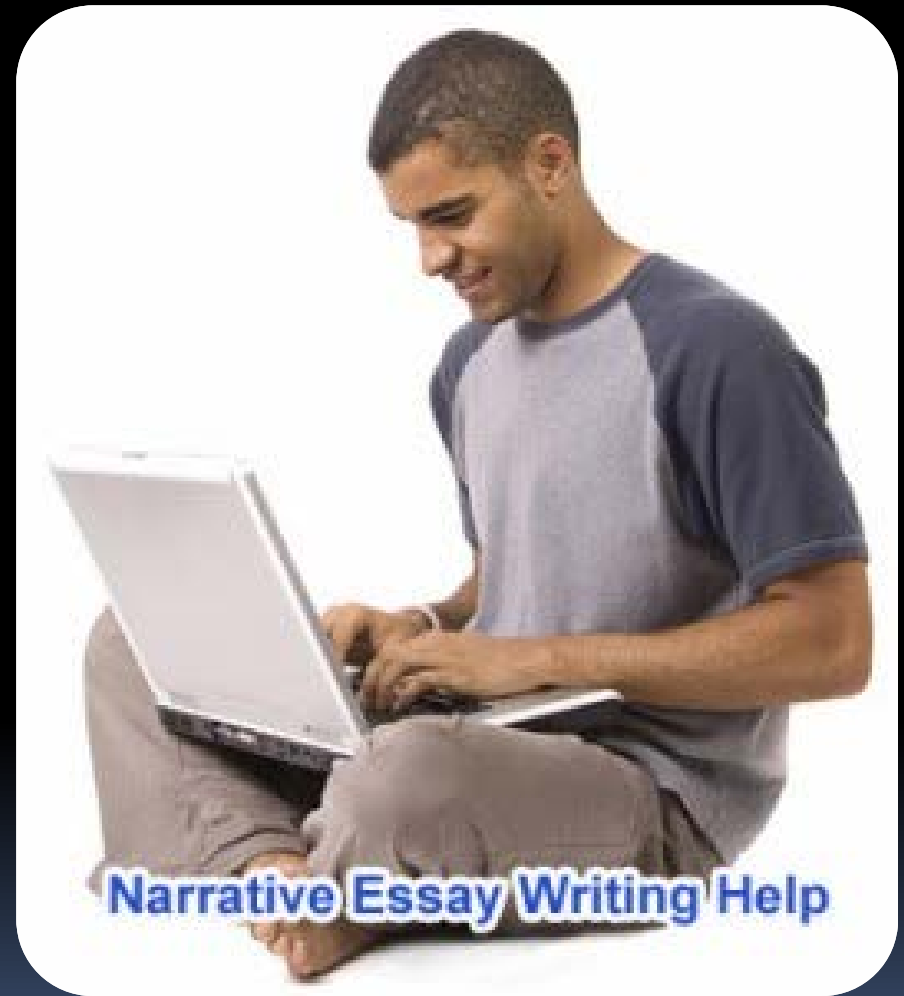
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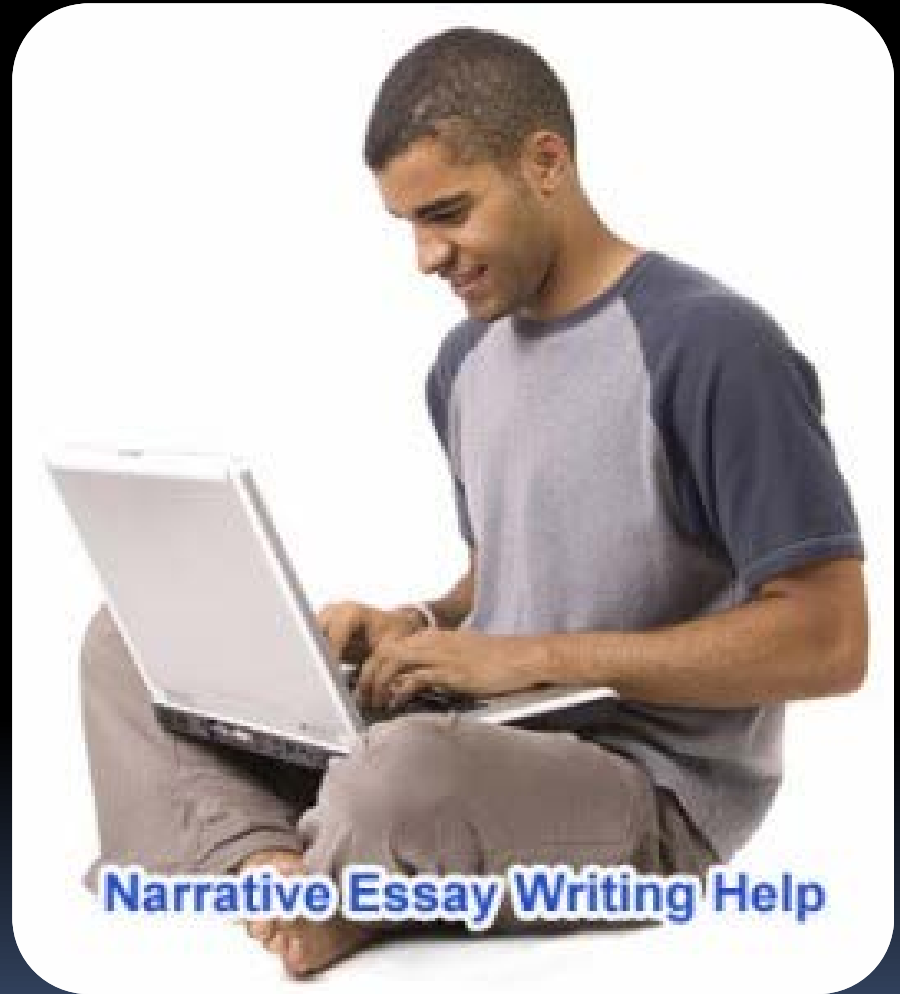
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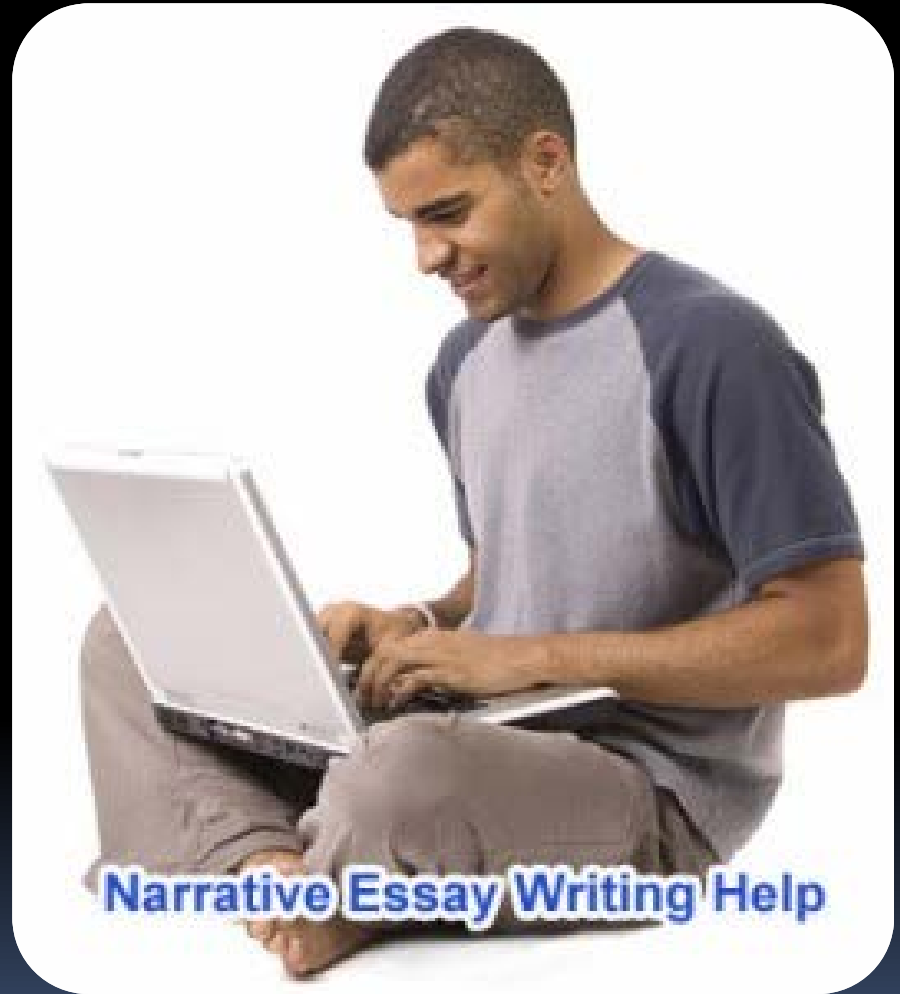
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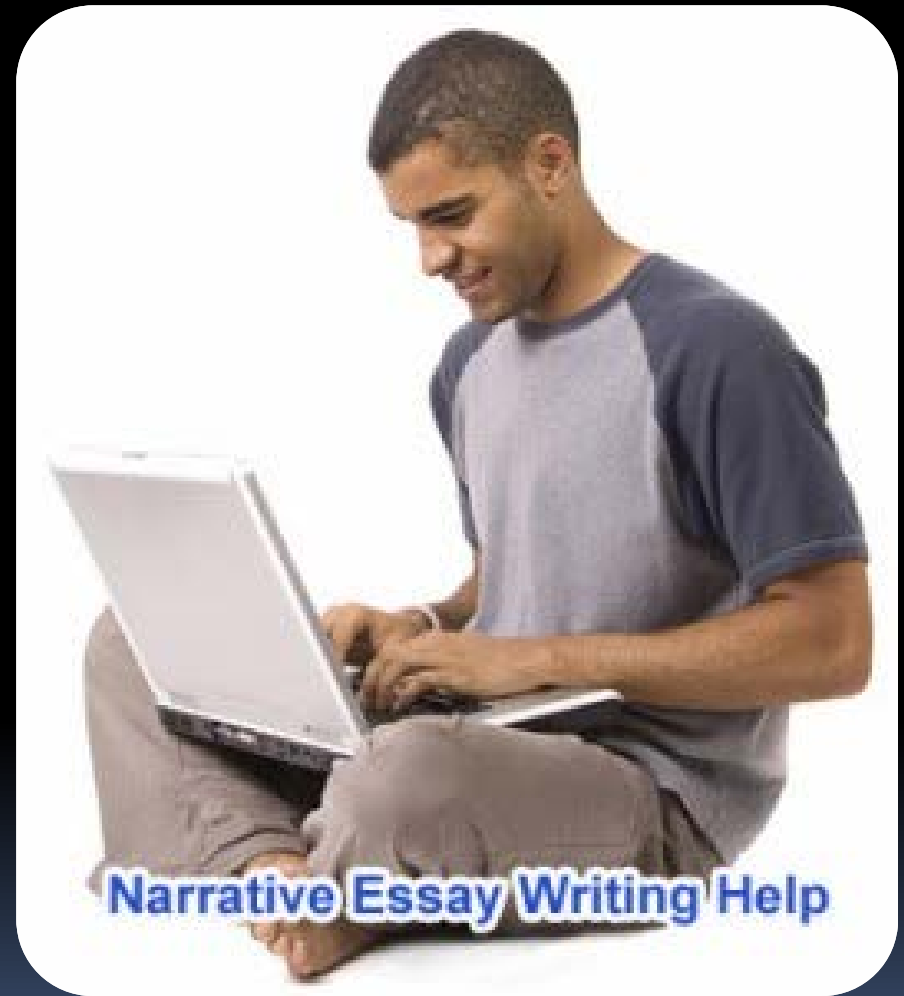


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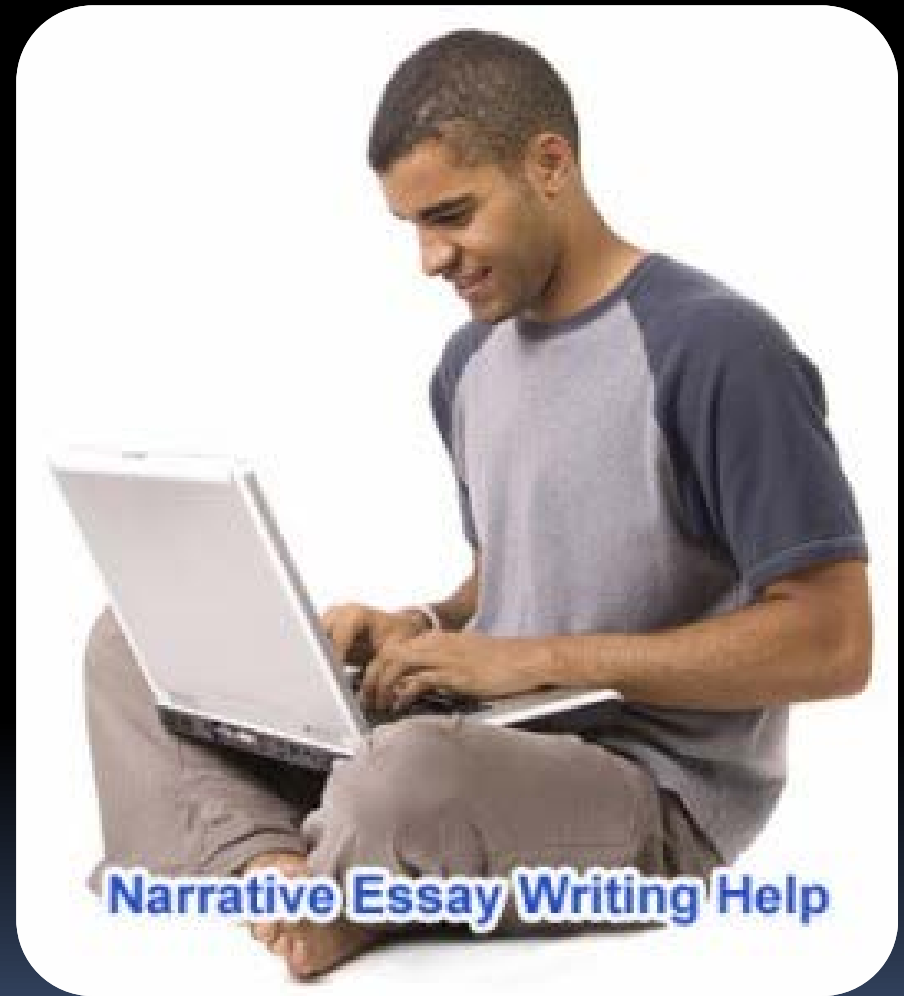
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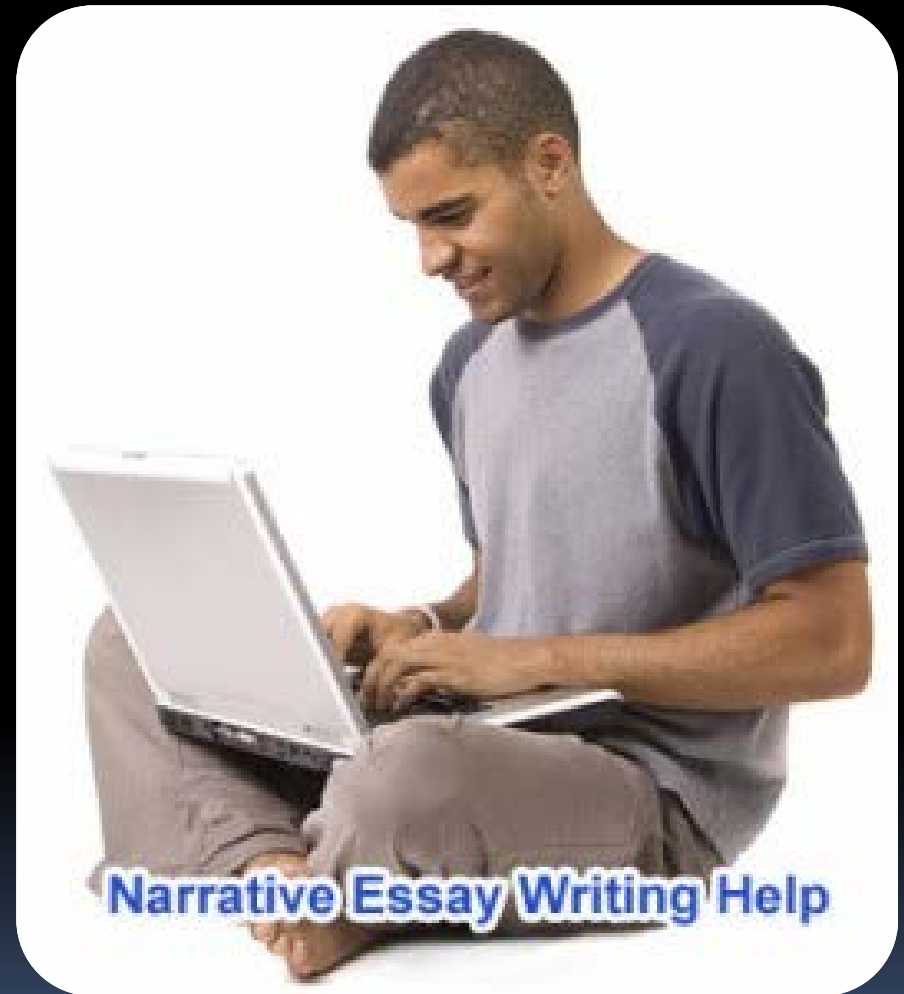
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- Hanging w/ friends
- Stuck in traffic



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# Material

- School
- Work
- Vacation
- Hanging w/ friends
- Stuck in traffic
- Surrounded by people you don't like...



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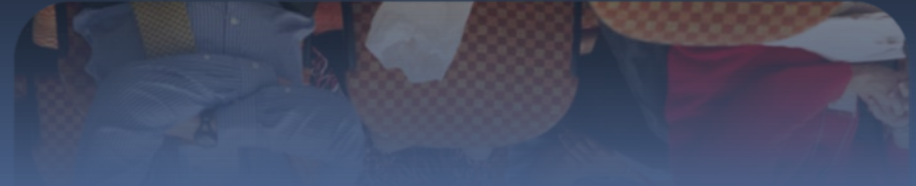
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- Sad
- Dramatic

We eliminate:

- Boring

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To whom am I writing?

How would I tell my story  
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- Parents
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- The Police



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- Explain what it made you realize about you

Don't forget...





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Follow the guidelines on  
the style sheet....



Good To Go.

