

# Model Sentences for Narrative Writing

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## APPENDIX: *Model Sentences Handout*

### Model Sentences: A Writing Activity For Narrative Essays

*Directions:* For each model sentence, study the structure and style and imitate it by creating your own sentence that could be used for your narrative essay.

**SETTING:** “The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, with the fresh warmth of a full-summer day; the flowers were blossoming profusely and the grass was richly green.” (*The Lottery*, by Shirley Jackson)

You Try:

**MOOD:** “The wind whined. A few leaves blew, scraping across the floor. The air was damp and cold. They stood silently.” (*Timeline*, by Michael Crichton)

You Try:

**CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:** “I stared at my father’s photograph—his thin face stern, lips latched tight, his eyes peering permanently to the right.” (*Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleischman)

You Try:

**A SIGNIFICANT EVENT:** “I became what I am today at the age of twelve, on a frigid overcast day in the winter of 1975. I remember the precise moment, crouching behind a crumbling mud wall, peeking into the alley near the frozen creek. That was a long time ago, but it’s wrong what they say about the past, I’ve learned, about how you can bury it. Because the past claws its way out. Looking back now, I realize I have been peeking into that deserted alley for the last twenty-six years.” (*The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini)

You Try: