

SECTION 4: Writing a Narrative

How do I write a narrative? Your narrative must continue the theme or message of the poem you analysed. The poem is the starting point for your narrative. You are creating your own meaning; your own ideas; your own attitudes and values; your own representations, perspectives and your own aesthetic features.

Decide where your narrative will start. You can fill in the missing details that lead up to the start of the poem or you can continue from the point where the poem ends.

You will need to:

- continue the theme or message of the poem
- make language choices that reflect the theme or message of the poem
- construct and create meaning through the use of setting, plot and dialogue
- use ideas, attitudes and values to influence your audience
- create perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places and to use aesthetic features for effects
- be creative and experiment with writing an imaginative story as your narrative.

Writing a narrative: checklist

When writing a narrative, remember to do the following:

- Use paragraphs to develop ideas and communicate meaning
- Choose words carefully to create the desired meaning and tone
- Use dialogue to help make the narrative more interesting
- Use action to make the narrative come alive
- Make choices to reflect attitudes and values; concepts, identities, times and places;
- Use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation to express the meaning clearly and engage the reader
- Proofread and edit work before submitting the assessment.