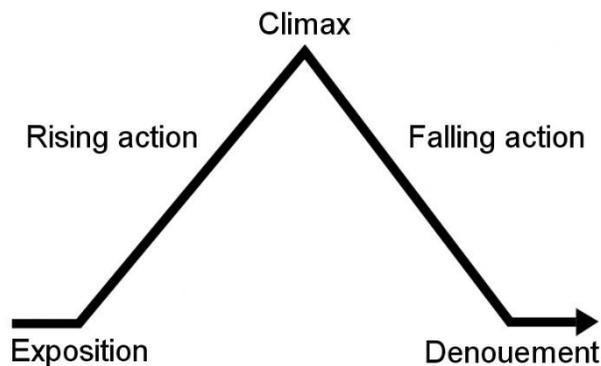


Narrative Writing Knowledge Organiser



This is the classic narrative structure – follow this for a classic story!

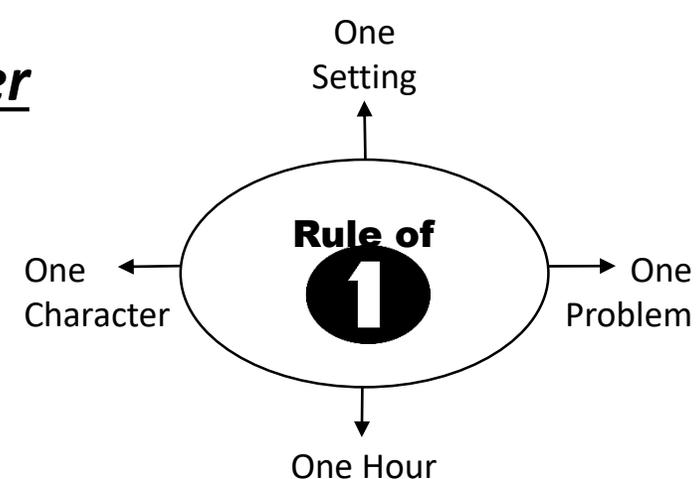
Framed Narrative	A narrative story framed within a larger story.
Dual Narrative	Where there are two (usually connected) narratives running along side each other.
Cyclical Narrative	Where the story ends and begins in the same way. Using the same sentence could be a good way to do this.

Language

Simile	A comparison using like or as.
Metaphor	A direct comparison between two things.
Personification	Giving something non-human human qualities.
Alliteration	Repetition of sound.
Juxtaposition	Two opposing ideas next to each other.
Extended Metaphor	A metaphor extended across a whole passage.
Sensory Description	Appealing to the five senses in your writing.

Structure

Semantic Field	Words related in meaning.
Varied Sentence Types	Using compound, complex, simple and minor sentences to keep the story interesting.
Repetition	Repeating a word or phrase for effect.
Anaphora	Repetition at the beginning of a sentence across a few sentences.
Foreshadowing	Using a small event to a hint at a larger event later in the plot.
Temporal or Spatial Shift	When the narrative shifts in time or space.



There are many different and interesting ways to open your stories.

- You can have a character description:

“Mrs Williams was a dreadful woman, with hair that fell down her back in a crazy, catastrophic way”

- You can begin in Medias Res – this means in the middle of things:

“She looked around her. The fighting was constant, the destruction of human life was happening all around. Despite the chaos, she remained calm and a small smile spread played across her face”

- You could start with dialogue, and introduce your characters through what they say:

“Oh, goodness – late. I am going to be so late” cried James to himself whilst searching frantically for his keys.

- You could also begin your story with a statement:

“It is universally acknowledged that if you are honest, good and true, happiness will be inevitable and you will lead a blessed life. This was not true for poor Sophie, who cried herself to sleep in her loneliness”.