

Nature vs. Humanity Narrative Assignment

Assignment:

Write a 5-8 paragraph narrative telling the story of your chosen natural disaster **from your characters perspective**

Narrative Perspective:

- Your narrative will be written from your character’s perspective in 1st or 3rd Person Point of View.
 - **1st Person** – The character IS the narrator, uses 1st person pronouns (for example: I, we, my, our).
 - **3rd Person** – Two Types: *Omniscient* or *Limited*
 - *Omniscient* – narrator uses 3rd person pronouns (for example: he, she, they, their), and knows the thoughts and feelings of many characters
 - *Limited* - narrator uses 3rd person pronouns (for example: he, she, they, their), and knows the thoughts and feelings of only the main character

Non-Fiction Elements

- You must include at least **10 true facts about your natural disaster** in your narrative.
- Each true fact must be cited in proper MLA format.
- Your 10 true facts must come from your 5 resources listed in your Google Research Doc.

Narrative Style and Format

- Your narrative must be 5-8 paragraphs of descriptive narrative and dialogue, and must tell the complete story of your natural disaster.
- Your narrative should be typed, double spaced, and follow proper MLA format (heading, title, citations, pg numbers, works cited page).

Peer Editing

- You will bring a complete rough draft to a peer editing session in class on _____
- You will help your classmates improve the story and the grammar of their narratives, and get helpful feedback on your narrative.
- If you do not have a rough draft when you peer edit, or you are absent on the day when we peer edit, you must have your draft edited by a parent, friend, or other intelligent human for credit.

Narrative Rubric

| | 1-4 | 5-8 | 9-10 |
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| Character Accuracy | The main character shows very little personality or is not connected to the Hot Zone character. | The main character of the narrative has a personality that is connected to the Hot Zone character. | The main character of the narrative is well-developed, and has a clear personality that shows traits that are connected to the Hot Zone character. |
| Research Accuracy | Narrative tells the story of a natural disaster. 4 or more individual facts are included in the narrative. | Narrative tells the true and accurate story of a real natural disaster. 8 or more individual facts are cited and included in the narrative. | Narrative tells the true, complete, and accurate story of a real natural disaster. 10 individual cited facts are integrated into the narrative. |
| Narrative Structure | Setting, plot, or dialogue are underdeveloped, or do not fit into the overall story. | Setting, plot, and dialogue are included in the narrative and help tell a complete story. | Narrative setting, plot, and dialogue are well-developed, detailed, follow a logical progression. |
| Writing Style | Writing does not include enough details to create a picture for the reader. | Writing includes important details that help create a picture for the reader. | Writing is expressive and detailed, showing the writers individual creativity, and creating a clear image for the reader. |
| Grammar and Mechanics | Major grammatical mistakes. | Some minor grammatical mistakes | Very few grammatical mistakes. |

Total _____/50