



**Descriptive Essay**  
**VS**  
**Narrative Essay**

# **Descriptive Essay VS Narrative Essay**

## ☐ **SENSE DETAILS**

### ☐ **Dominant Impression**

### ☐ **BODY STRUCTURE:**

- 3 Body paragraphs
- 3 parts of the room/car
- Each supported by:
- sense details ONLY
- metaphors to support DI

### ☐ **Spatial Arrangement**

## ☐ **NARRATIVE DETAILS**

### ☐ **Morals/Lessons**

### ☐ **BODY STRUCTURE:**

- 3 Body paragraphs
- start, middle, end
- OR grouped by stages
- Each supported by:
- narrative elements
- descriptive details to set scenes, support lessons

### ☐ **Chronological Order**

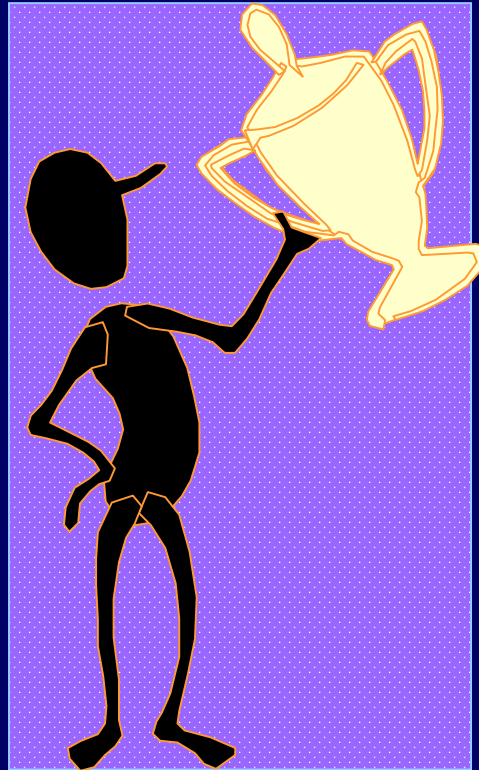


# TOPICS

## **\*FOCUSED:**

- ☐ **FROZEN MOMENT IN TIME**
- ☐ **NOT LIFE STORY**
- ☐ **NOT MULTIPLE DAYS**
- ☐ **3-4 PAGES IN LENGTH (with sufficient detail)**
- ☐ **PART OF A CHAPTER IN YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY**
  - o **neither a FULL CHAPTER**
  - o **nor an ENTIRE BOOK**

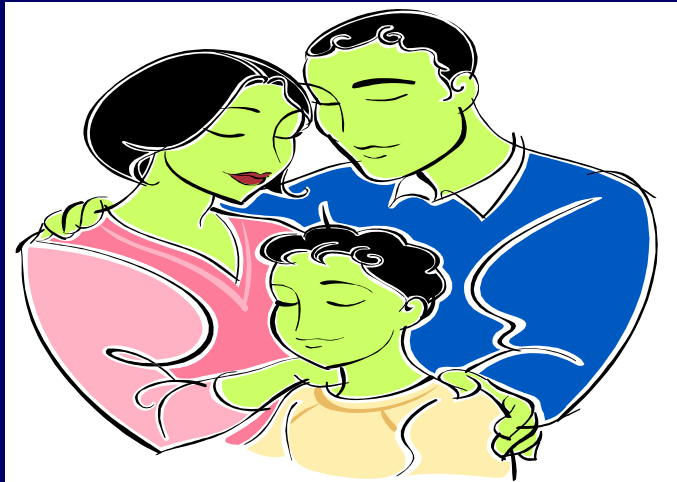
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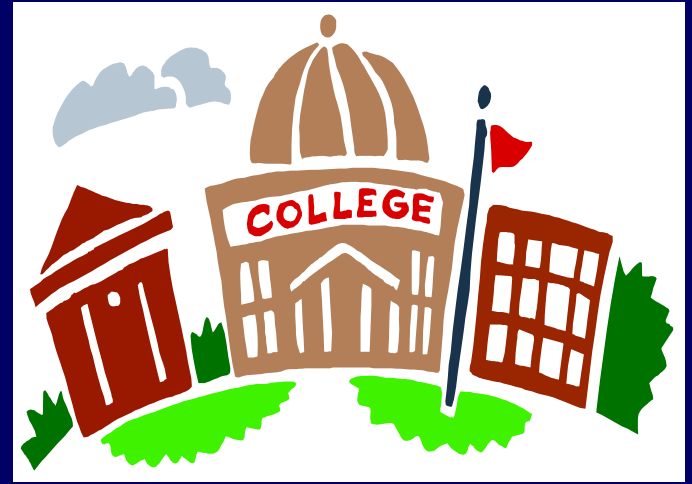
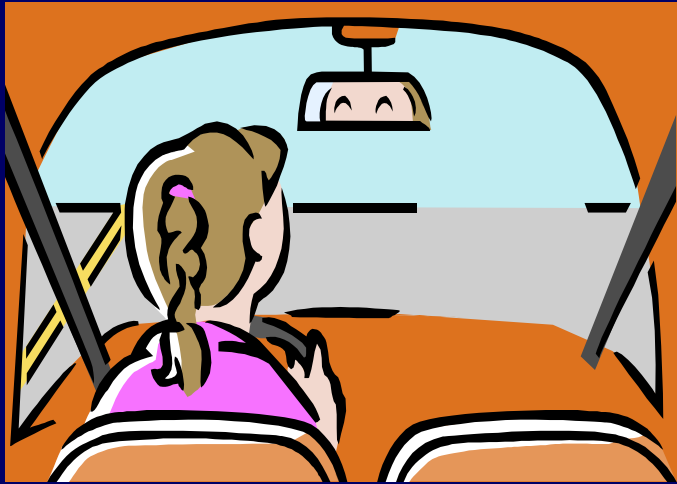
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# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS in an ADULT LIFE: Family

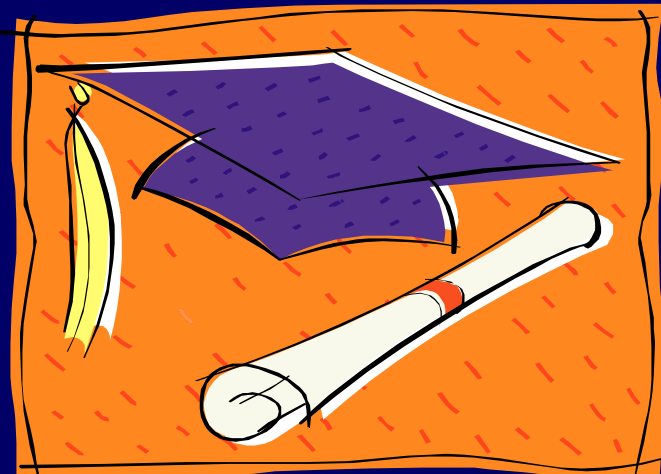
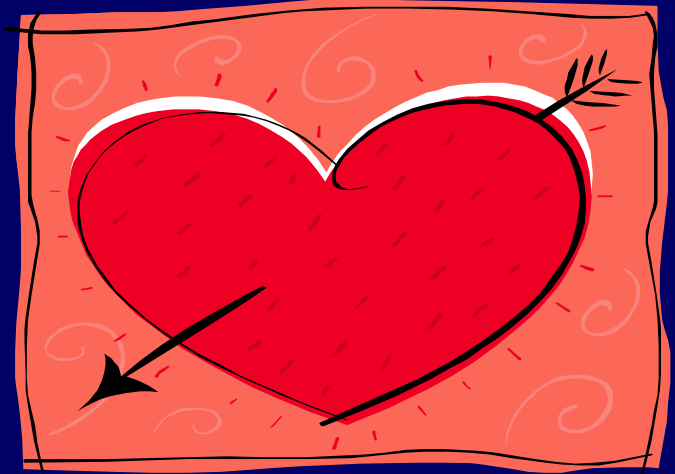
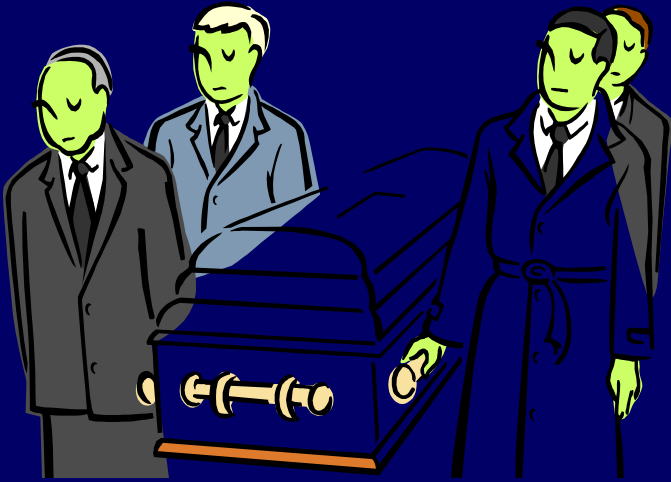


# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS in an ADULT LIFE: Firsts





# More SIGNIFICANT EVENTS in an ADULT LIFE



# TOPICS

**1) TELL THE STORY OF A MAJOR CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE, AN EVENT THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE OR YOUR WAY OF THINKING ABOUT A PERSON, PLACE, OBJECT:**

- ☐ **went to college, inspirational story, went out for a sport/club/play**
- ☐ **quit bad habit, split with boy/girlfriend, left bad friends**
- ☐ **met someone new**
- ☐ **death in the family**
- ☐ **divorce day**

# TOPICS

## \*CONTINUED:

- ☐ good/bad vacation
- ☐ dumb action I did
- ☐ suspended from school
- ☐ met a challenge that neither you nor anyone thought you could do

# TOPICS

2) TELL THE STORY OF A SPECIAL OBJECT (*trophy, medal, picture, stuffed animal*) THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO YOU:

**\*this is NOT a *descriptive essay* on the object;**

**□ BODY:**

- rather, tell the story behind the object:
- how/when/why did you get it

**□ CONCLUSION:**

- lessons learned from the experience
- why it means so much to you,
- how it gives insight into who you are,
- and how you would use it to introduce yourself to someone new whom you wanted to see the "real" you