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**Planning Questions: Narrative #3**

What is the experience you are going to write about? Be as specific as possible. Take your time to think out a good plot line.

From whose perspective will the story be told?

What conflict or issue will your narrative revolve around? How is this significant? In other words, why will your reader be interested in reading it?

Outline a series of events that take place in your narrative. Be as specific as possible. Use another sheet of paper, if you need space!

## Character Development

Make a list of all of the characters, include names, ages, any relevant descriptions.

Who is the protagonist (the main character) in the story? Describe this individual in detail using the table below.

Category	Description / Associated Adjectives
<b>Name</b> - Is it historically accurate? How do you know?	
<b>Race/ Ethnicity</b> – How does the protagonist’s race / ethnicity influence their experiences, expectations, and value set? Is there anything going on historically that would influence this individuals experiences, interactions, values, perceptions, etc. related to race/ethnicity?	
<b>Age(s)</b> - Will the character be one age throughout the entire narrative? If so, what age? How might this affect their perspective, value set, or experience? If they will be more than one age (i.e. flashback or set over long period of time), answer questions based the ages in which the character will be presented.	
<b>Socio-economic status:</b> Does your protagonist come from a high, middle, or lower socio-economic class? Have they moved from one class to another? How does their socio-economic class influence their value set, decisions, opportunities, and obstacles?	

<p><b>Gender</b> – How might their gender impact their experience. What are the gender roles at this time? What are the social expectations of males / females of their age? Profession? Socio-economic class? What are the benefits / limitations associated with their gender?</p>	
<p><b>Place of Origin</b> – Where is it? What is it next to? What is the climate like? What geographical features does it have? What is going on there during this period of time? Who lives here? What is the population in the year it is set? What connection / value does the protagonist have to the location?</p>	
<p><b>Physical Description of Protagonist</b> – What does the protagonist look like? (i.e) height, weight, eye color, hair color, length / texture of hair, skin color, body type, distinct facial features, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Personality Characteristics</b> – What is the protagonist's personality like? For example, are they kind, friendly, mean-spirited, malicious, depressed, greedy, intuitive, etc. Shut your eyes, picture your characters interactions and daily life. How do they approach their experiences? What are the <b>strengths</b> and <b>weaknesses</b> of this character? How do these factor in to the plot line?</p>	

<p><b><i>Language(s) spoken:</i></b>  What language(s) does the protagonist speak? How fluently? If the protagonist's main language is not English, will it incorporate some of their primary language? Does the protagonist have an accent? Limited speech? If they learned English, and it is not their primary language, how did they learn it?</p>	
<p><b><i>Education Level</i></b> – What is the education level of the protagonist? How does this influence their value set / experience? What has influenced the amount of education that they have (gender expectations, economic limitations or opportunities, etc.)?</p>	
<p><b><i>Religion</i></b> – Is the protagonist religious / spiritual? How does this religion impact their value set / experiences?</p>	
<p><b><i>Value Set</i></b> – What other factors, if any, influence the protagonist's values? Have they had any particular experiences or do they belong to any culture group that might influence their perspective on life / what they value?</p>	

### **Physical Location(s)**

Where does it take place? Be specific. If it takes place in more than one area, describe each area in detail. Use as many adjective (descriptive) words as possible. Is it hot, cold, muggy, dreary, dry, mountainous, etc. What does the air feel like? The temperature? What visuals would you see if you were there? Close your eyes, try to imagine it, and do some research!

### **Time Period(s)**

When does the event take place? What was going on in during this time period? How will the time period influence the protagonist's experience / point of view? What values / beliefs / events are associated with this time period that will shape / influence the narrative?

Write a list of resources you found helpful in finding this information and additional sources you might like to explore. Make specific notes so you remember what is what! (website addresses, book names, etc.)