

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Narrative Techniques in Writing

# Today's Standard

9-10.W.3b - Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing short stories or novels; Creating screenplays or scripts; Developing characters for role-playing games; Writing personal narratives or memoirs; Crafting dialogue for plays or theater productions

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using narrative techniques like dialogue, pacing, and description to make stories more interesting.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some students think using too many techniques will confuse readers. Others believe these techniques are only for fiction. Both ideas are not true.

#### Quiz Me

- What is dialogue?
- How does pacing affect a story?
- What does description do in a story?
- Can non-fiction use narrative techniques?
- What are multiple plot lines?

# Help Me

Narrative techniques help make stories better. For example, dialogue can make characters seem real, and description helps you imagine the story. You can see these techniques in books, movies, and even news articles.