


NARRATIVE WRITING

 Narrative writing tells a story that can be real or imagined. A story has characters, a setting, and a plot. Many stories also have dialogue, or conversations between characters. Strong narrative writing includes a lot of details that make the story come to life.

Characters:

Sydney, Keisha, and Carlos

Settings:

The bus and the planetarium

Field Trip to Outer Space

Ms. Jackson's fifth grade class was going to the planetarium, and everyone was excited, except Sydney. "This is going to be the worst," Sydney said dramatically, as the class got on the bus. "Why would anyone want to sit around in the dark and look at fake stars?"

The other students rolled their eyes. "It's going to be more fun than sitting in class and doing math," Carlos said. Sydney made a sour face.

"Oh, come on, Syd," her best friend, Keisha, said. "Just give it a chance. It can't be that bad!"

The two girls were first to reach the big, heavy doors to the planetarium. Suddenly,

music filled the air. As they peered into the dark theater, Sydney gasped. The planetarium wasn't what she had expected. There were small lights that looked like stars, but there were also bright, colorful pictures of every planet. Sydney almost ducked as an asteroid flew past their heads with a whooshing sound.

"Wow! This music sounds like the soundtrack for a movie in space," Keisha whispered.

"This is awesome." Sydney sighed. She hated being wrong, but the planetarium really was fun. As she looked around again, Sydney saw that the other kids were giggling and pointing at her. It was going to be a while before they forgot about her mistake.

Narrative Writing Checklist

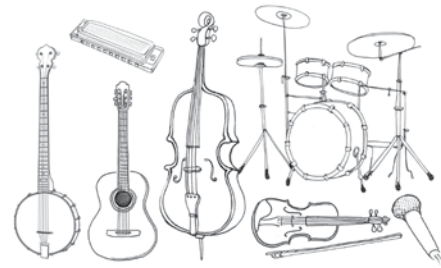
- I used a strong start to my story.
 - I wrote a "hook" to catch the reader.
 - I introduced my characters and setting.
- I developed the story in an organized way.
 - I described the events in a logical order.
 - Details and descriptions made my characters come to life.
 - I used words and phrases to connect events.
- I wrote a conclusion.
 - The end of my story provides a sense of closure.

TWO TYPES OF MUSIC: ROCK & COUNTRY

 Write words or short phrases to compare and contrast rock and country music.



- evolved from rhythm and blues
- bands have lead singer and four or five instrumentalists
- instruments: lead guitar, bass guitar, rhythm guitar, and drums
- top-selling music genre




- rooted in American folk music
- bands are often family-based
- instruments: lead guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, string bass, and drums
- lyrics tell emotional stories
- top-selling music genre

Only rock:

Only country:

Both rock and country:

INTRODUCING

 An introduction introduces a topic. Write a short paragraph to introduce your readers to rock and country music. Draw a picture related to your paragraph.

