

# OUTLINE A TRAVEL NARRATIVE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A** narrative is a way for you to tell a story that includes characters, setting, and plot. Using the lines below, outline a short fictional narrative about the following topic:

*Imagine you are a train conductor who travels to stations across the United States. Include details about where your day begins and ends, who you meet on the train, what your responsibilities are, and other details about your travels.*

Title of story: _____		
<b>Main Character</b> (central person in the story)  <b>Example:</b> Train conductor: He played with model trains as a child and pursued his dream to be a train conductor.  _____ _____ _____	<b>Setting</b> (where and when the story takes place)  <b>Example:</b> The engineer's cab as it pulls out of the station in the morning.  _____ _____ _____	<b>Plot: First Main Event</b> (order of events)  <b>Example:</b> A passenger knocks on the door of the engineer's cab asking to talk to the conductor.  _____ _____ _____
<b>Secondary Characters</b>  _____ _____ _____	<b>Secondary Setting</b>  _____ _____ _____	<b>Second Main Event</b>  _____ _____ _____

Now that you have completed your outline above, draft an opening line.

**Story opener:** Draft an initial story sentence that captures the attention of your audience. Begin to establish the setting and identify the main character.

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Predict how your story may end by writing a closing line. The closer may change as you develop your story.

**Story closer:** Draft a closing sentence that summarizes your story. This sentence can be open-ended, leaving the audience guessing about what happens next, or close-ended, providing a short summary of the overall story.

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## Bonus!

Use these tips to self-edit your essay:

- Tell the story from a specific point of view
- Clarify the main idea of the essay
- Use vivid language
- Include storytelling elements such as dialogue, conflict, plot, and climax