

Name _____

OBSERVATIONS

about narratives

After reading or listening to each personal narrative, fill out the handout below regarding the elements of the narrative, then determine a few elements that can make up powerful narratives.

Title of narrative _____

Write 1-2 sentences from this narrative that stood out to you or summarize a part that stood out to you.

Write any/all observations about the way the story was written. Did it keep you reading (or listening)? What made it interesting?

Was the story about everyday things or about a big event in someone's life?

All of the narratives I read or listened to (circle all that apply and/or write your own elements):

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| Had a main character | Were confusing |
| Had a conflict | Had an ending where problems were resolved |
| Had a man vs. man conflict | Had an open or ambiguous ending |
| Had a man vs. nature conflict | Were well written |
| Had a man vs. self conflict | Had suspense |
| Had a setting | Made me wonder what would happen next |
| Had detailed descriptions of people | Made me feel something (joy, hope, sadness) |
| Had detailed descriptions of places | Made me want to find out more about the topic |
| Had a lesson | |
| Made me think of something about my own life | |
| Kept me interested | |
| Were easy to understand | |
| Were written in first person point of view | |
| Were written in 3rd person point of view | |
| Was written in 2nd person point of view | |

Some of the narratives I read or listened to (choose from the above list or write your own):

None of the narratives I read or listened to (choose from the list above or write your own):

Based on these initial observations, what are some key parts that most or all narratives include? You could also use this space to create a definition for what narrative writing is.

Extra space for notes/observations:

