When writing a narrative, keep the following points in mind:

**Tense and Action:** Generally, narratives can be written in the past tense, since the event has already taken place. However, sometimes, depending on your instructor's specifications, present tense can be used. Remember, a narrative chronicles an event, almost like scenes in a film. Keep in mind the action.

**Point of View:** Narration often lends itself to first person point of view (I, me, mine, our). Third person point of view (he, she, they, etc.) is often acceptable as well. Be sure to consult your assignment guide or your instructor for specific requirements.

**Descriptive Detail:** Use rich images, sensory description (the five senses), and specific language, including strong, active verbs, to bring your narrative to life.

**Dialogue:** You might incorporate spoken language to develop your characters. Again, check with your instructor to be sure that using dialogue is acceptable for your assignment. Consult a writing or grammar handbook for the rules on properly formatting dialogue (quotation marks, spacing).