

A Festive Tale: Narrative Planner

Learning objective: To plan and structure a sophisticated Christmas narrative using descriptive language, character development, and a clear plot arc suitable for Year 5 writing standards.

Use this template to craft the framework of an original Christmas story. Focus on using ambitious vocabulary and sensory imagery to bring your winter setting to life. Consider how your protagonist interacts with the festive atmosphere.

Word bank: Atmospheric · Luminous · Tranquil · Enchanting · Melancholy · Anticipation · Glistening · Whimsical · Resilient · Frost-bitten

1. The Setting: Describe the atmosphere of your winter scene. Explain why you chose these specific sensory details to create a festive mood. (3 marks)

2. Character Motivation: Introduce your protagonist. Justify why they are embarking on this festive journey and what they hope to achieve by the end of the story. (4 marks)

3. Rising Action: Compare and contrast the protagonist's internal feelings with the external events happening around them. How does the tension build as the story progresses? (4 marks)

4. The Climax: Describe the moment of highest tension. Explain why this specific moment is the turning point of your narrative. (3 marks)

5. Resolution: How does the ending reflect the theme of your story? Justify your choice of ending based on the character's growth. (3 marks)

6. Evaluation: What might happen if the protagonist had failed to reach their goal? Discuss the potential consequences for the other characters in your story. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a paragraph describing the climax of your story using at least three types of figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes, or personification). Then, rewrite the same paragraph from the perspective of an antagonist or a secondary character to see how their viewpoint changes the tone.