

The Paragraph Types:

The Narrative Paragraph

11th Lecture

Narrative

In narrative compositions you are required to tell a story or write about an event. Always tell things in the order in which they happened. Some of your stories may be written in dialogue if you wish, but take great care to punctuate direct speech correctly. Do not use dashes in place of inverted commas, or employ quotation marks which are not normally used in English. It is generally preferable to keep to the past tense.

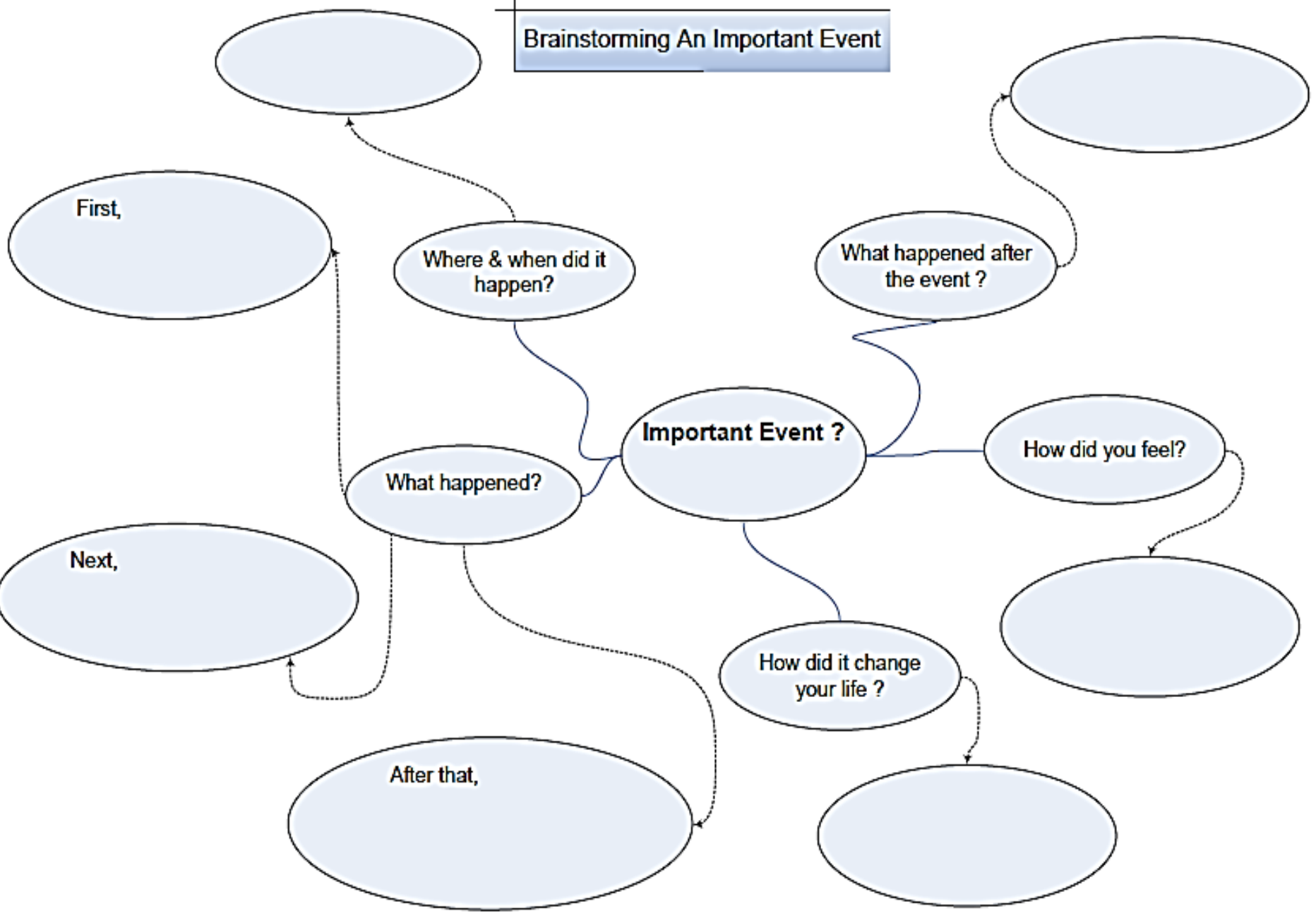
The paragraph

Read carefully the paragraph that follows.

Follow that Bus!

I jumped off the bus before it stopped and began walking down the street. As I had arrived early, I decided to look at the shop windows before going home. The idea made me quite happy, but at the same time I had the unpleasant feeling that I had forgotten something. I stopped in the middle of the pavement and began searching my pockets. All of a sudden I remembered that I was without my briefcase! I had left it on the bus and it was full of important papers. The thought was enough to make me start running down the street, though, by now, the bus was out of sight.

Brainstorming An Important Event



Write a narrative paragraph starting with the Topic Sentence below:

Activity

It was a stormy dark night.

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Narrative Writing

Name _____

Activity

A day in the life of: _____

Use a hero, movie star, president, singer, animal etc.

Who will you be and why _____:

For how long of a time frame: _____

What kind of events will happen to you _____

What is the best part of being this person: _____

Summarize why or why not you would want to be this person: _____

ACTIVITY: Some Interesting Narrative Topics

1	Your first day at a new school or college
2	Your first day at a new job
3	Your last day on a job
4	An embarrassing experience
5	A dangerous experience
6	Surviving a hurricane or a tornado (or other natural disaster)
7	The day you decided to change your life
8	The experience of being lost (or of frustrating)
9	A communication barrier
10	Your first time away from home

First, Next, Then, Finally

Name: _____

For your topic, use the links below to complete your writing.

First, _____

Next, _____

Finally, _____

Then, _____

Checklist:

- ___ My events are in order.
- ___ My spelling is correct.
- ___ My writing makes sense.
- ___ I used capitals and periods.
- ___ Purpose for my writing is very clear.

Did you check
your work?

The End