

Sample Narrative + Descriptive Writing

The thrill of returning to my own familiar dining room overwhelmed me like a Christmas morning. Around the table sat my dear mother to my right, my father at the end of the table, and James across from me. Then *she* approached and wrapped a linen napkin around my neck. The flimsy fabric irritated me, so I quickly tugged it off and daintily tossed it on the hardwood floor. A moment later, she returned the scratchy bib to my neck. I dropped it again. At last, I reached forward for my plate waiting patiently on the table, but my wandering hands only brushed over cold, smooth oak. My buttery biscuits and savory ham had vanished! Infuriated, I dove under the table in a hungry rage and began pounding my little hooves in a stampede.

Color 1: Highlight figurative language and sensory details.

Color 2: Highlight the transitional words or phrases that show time/sequence of the narrative.

Color 3: Highlight all of the strong verbs as well as any adverbs that go with them.

Color 4: Highlight all of the specific nouns, nouns with adjectives, and other descriptive adj.
