***Introduction to the Narrative Notes***

**Essential Questions:**

**What makes a story?**

**Or**

**What is a story?**

**The Narrative**

* Another way of saying “story”
* A story can real
* A story can be made up

***Elements of Fiction Narrative*** (made- up, not real)

* Character(s)
  + Characterization (character change/development)
* Plot
* Setting
* Conflict
* Theme(s)
* Point of view
  + Vantage point from which the story is told; usually first or third person
* Style
  + Author’s choice of words; **author’s purpose**

*Examples of Fiction Narrative*

* *Harry Potter Series*
* *Wonder*
* *Divergent Series*

***Elements of Nonfiction Narrative*** (real; factual)

* Elements of dynamic storytelling with true-life events.
* Trick is to make the stories read like fiction so that the readers are enthralled and engaged as if they were reading a fantasy novel.
* Author retells facts about events that have actually occurred.
* THINK: real-life on the page!
* **Structure Elements**:
  + Character: turning real life people into characters.
  + Place: create a clear setting to establish mood and reveal something about the people involved, plant the seeds of meaning.
  + Form: chronological order and gives facts about the subject in story form.
  + Voice: author’s tone (attitude) and point of view (seeing the story as the character himself/herself)
  + Blurring Fact and Fiction: difference between making things up molding certain aspects to enhance the writing- the core truth is never lost.

*Examples of nonfiction:*

* Autobiography
* Biography
* Memoir
* Personal Narrative
* Essay