Narrative Assignment

**Directions:** Write a 2-3 page, typed, double spaced, narrative about a character who faces a challenge and either succeeds or fails at this challenge. You may choose to either write in first person (as you being a character and narrator) or third person point of view (as you are watching it happen to someone else).

Your narrative essay needs to include the following things:

* Exposition, conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, and a resolution (plot structure/narrative arc/sequence of events)
* Appropriate sequencing (chronological order, in medias res)
* Sensory details that describe at least two scenes used in your short story
* Dialogue (the way that characters talk to each other)

Definitions:

Exposition: the beginning of a story; includes setting (time and place) and characters

Conflict: the problem of a story

Rising action: the troubles that the protagonist gets in

Protagonist: the main character

Antagonist: the force or character against the protagonist

Climax: the turning point in a story

Falling action:

Resolution: the ending of a story

Foreshadow: hints or clues that a text uses to show what will happen later in the story

Chronological order: the sequence of events from beginning to end

Flashback: like a memory; details about what happened in the past

Flash-forward: details about what will happen in the future (this is stated; foreshadow is hinted)

*In medias res*: starting from the middle of the action and then going back to the beginning of the story

Sensory details: what is heard, seen, tasted, smelled, and touched.

Irony: the occurs is the opposite of what is expected