

15 Things You Can Do With Narratives

1. **Look at a moment in history from multiple points of view to build empathy.**
Compare and contrast perspectives by age, sex, and location/place, historical, socio-economic, political or cultural perspectives, etc.
2. **Study the economic conditions of the time.**
3. **Study of the language of the time.**
4. **Study the agriculture of the time.**
5. **Study the region of the time.**
6. **Create a dialog (role-play) between two different people living in the same time.**
7. **Time travel into the past!**
Promote research into a specific time! Study a narrative to make inferences of a particular time (daily life, religion, issues, and events), come up with questions and then research those questions.
8. **Create a fictitious story after studying narratives to “jump into time”.**
9. **Write a fictitious newspaper report using the narrator as your interviewee**
10. **Write a diary entry taking the opposite view of the narrative.**
11. **Write a letter to the narrator using the language of present day to ask questions or dispute their claim.**
12. **Foreshadowing**
Hind sight is 20/20. Could the narrator or people in a particular time have seen what was about to occur? Find the pieces in a narrative that show this.
13. **Act!**
Become the narrator and act out a key idea of thought.
14. **Create a poster!**
Use quotes from the narratives that will persuade someone to want to read more.
15. **Be an Expert!**
Create a panel of experts to interview using the narratives as scripts to discuss a particular time period or event.

What else can you think of?