

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

RULE #1: If anything I say on this page conflicts with what your teachers have told you, I am wrong, and they are right.

The Civil Rights Movement I: 1945-65

17. Narrative analysis II – analysis

In the Writing Development exercise #14 on African Americans and Women in WWII, we looked at how to write a narrative, viz.:

- a) Plan out the events/developments you intend to describe, in the logical order, using subordinating conjunctions of time/sequence such as: ‘First’, ‘Next’, ‘After’, ‘Before’, ‘Later’, ‘Initially’, ‘At last’, ‘Also’, ‘In addition’, ‘Meanwhile’, ‘Simultaneously’, ‘Furthermore’.
- b) Provide some relevant factual information about the event/development.

Better essays, however, will ANALYSE the story as they tell it, by:

- c) explaining the importance of the event/development – why it was a key event in the narrative.
- d) providing information which proves that importance.

Let’s say you have to write the essay: “Write a narrative account analysing the legal achievements of the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-65.”

Consider the following table, which lists the achievements:

1. Use the webpage to fill the gaps, so as to complete the following essay plan:

Conjunction	Event/development	Explain the importance/significance	Proving information
The first ...	1946 Civil Rights Ctee Recommended anti-lynch/ desegregation of travel/ fair employment/ Commission	FAILED: Congress refused to enact.	Black Americans still lacked Civil Rights
Next, ...	Brown v Topeka	Chief Justice Warren stated that ‘separate but equal’ was unconstitutional
.....	1957 Civil Rights Act	LIMITED: not enforced, and <i>white voters in the south tightened up literacy tests and intimidation.</i>
.....	Simkins v. Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Established desegregated health care was illegal
.....	1964 Civil Rights Act	Enforcement mechanism weak.
Finally, ...	Voting Rights Act

2. Plan out a similar essay grid so as to write a narrative account analysing the OPPOSITION TO the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-65.

3. Now plan out a similar essay grid so as to write a narrative account analysing the CAUSES OF the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-65.