

## Narrative Genre Outline

Use time as a structure. If you are going to go out of order, drawing out a timeline will be beneficial. Just remember: you do not have to follow a strict timeline.

Beginning
Hook your reader! Grab their attention! Establish character, setting, theme, conflict.
Main Character: Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield Setting: Beginning – Middle School, Middle – Long Island, End - Vermont Theme: Sticking together works out in the end. Conflict: Ben and Jerry don't know how to be successful in life. Beginning Outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ben yelling at gym teacher; Jerry running laps</li><li>• Ben is upset cause he still hasn't ran the mile in under 7 minutes</li><li>• Jerry is impressed that Ben yells at gym teacher</li><li>• Both men become friends because of their similarities (and their differences)</li></ul>
Middle
Build on to how you began. Establish rising action and climax point!
Rising Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• **Flashforward**</li><li>• In college, the two are both not financially stable.</li><li>• Neither man is achieving their dreams.</li></ul> Climax: They decide they need to do something different, and decide to go into business together. Middle Outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The two become friends and are friends through high school and college.</li><li>• In college, Jerry can't get into medical school. Ben isn't making enough money as a potter.</li><li>• The two move in together.</li><li>• They decide, eventually, to work together.</li></ul>

## **End**

Finish strong!

Wrap everything up neatly—no cliffhangers!

End Outline:

- Ben and Jerry first look at making bagels.
- Bagel machinery is EXPENSIVE.
- They decide to do an ice cream class for \$5.
- They end up making ice cream together—and really being good at it.
- They buy a gas station in Vermont and fix it up.
- They sell ice cream out of it.