

# ORGANIZING A NARRATIVE

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1. List what happened.
2. Get rid of deadwood — events that do not matter.
3. Put other events in order.
4. Fill in the “holes.”
5. Find the MOST SIGNIFICANT moment — the turning point.

**BEGIN CLOSE TO THIS POINT!**

6. Find the beginning: Where it starts to build.
7. Find the end: Where it wraps up.