

# DESCRIPTIVE WRITING: HIGHER LEVEL OVERVIEW

- Aiming for top grades at GCSE
- Taking English Language A Level
- Taking Creative Writing
- English / Creative Writing at University level

World Building / Setting

Characterisation

Advanced Poetic Devices

Practise Questions

Examples

Descriptive vs Narrative

## **Descriptive:**

Purpose - to entertain, create a world which feels real / describe a person or object in such detail that it seems real.

NOT a full story.

Usually doesn't change as much as a story would, but you can shift tone/mood/atmosphere/ focus.

Uses advanced writing techniques to enhance the description.

## **Narrative:**

Purpose - to entertain, to tell a story with thematic statements (messages/morals) - plot is central / progression of characters / developments of the world.

Plot structure, including rising action, climax, falling action.

Lots of narrative / descriptive passages, interspersed with dialogue.

