

Narrative Essay Pattern

E. B. White “Once More to the Lake”

1. What level of formality is this essay? What point of view is expressed?
2. What is the main conflict in the full essay?
3. Pay close attention the adjectives and objects used throughout the paragraphs.
What is White’s intention using such language and imagery? (See ¶ 5 as example.)
4. In paragraph ten, White compares outboard motors with inboard motors.
Are his opinions objective or subjective?
5. Why does he not offer the reader the name of his son?
6. What is relevant in his act of saving the last statement as his conclusion?
Why does White cut the essay short in such a dramatic manner?

discussion