

# 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.**

## Eight Steps to WWII

### 16. Narrative analysis

In the Writing Development exercise #14 on The Civil War, we looked at the conjunction of time, and how they can be used to describe a sequence/ simple narrative, viz.:

- a) Plan out the sequence of events/developments you intend to describe, in their best logical order.
- b) Use that list to 'tell the story', using the most appropriate conjunctions of time and sequence such as: 'First', 'Next', 'After', 'Before', 'Later', 'Initially', 'At last', 'Also', 'In addition', 'Meanwhile', 'Simultaneously', 'Furthermore'.
- c) Provide some relevant information about each event/development.

This, however, will not produce a GCSE-level 'narrative analysis'. To do that, you need also to:

- a) Explain the importance/significance in the developing story of each event/development; why was it a key event in the narrative?
- b) Provide 'proving evidence' (as you learned in exercise #12) which establishes that point.

Let's say you have to write the essay: "Write an account of how Hitler broke the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, 1933-36."

Consider the following table, which lists the sequence of events:

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	Saar Plebiscite, 1935: Voted to return to Germany after dirty election.	1. It validated Hitler's regime. 2. It encouraged Hitler's expansionism. 3. It showed the LoN was scared of him.	The League failed confront the Nazi thugs, and the LoN observers declared the election fair.
Next,	Conscription & Re-armament: .....	.....	.....
Finally,	.....	.....	.....

2. Now continue the plan for the events of 1938-1939.

3. Using the techniques you learned in Ex.11 (turning points into a paragraph) and Ex.15 (the structure of a paragraph), turn the plan/grid into an essay:

'Write an account of how events between 1933 and 1939 resulted in the outbreak of the Second World War.'