

# Illness Narrative Project

ANP 204 US12

**Due in ANGEL dropbox on Wednesday 8/15 by midnight**

For this project, you will be required to write an illness narrative based on an interview with someone else (third person) or your own experience with illness (first person or third person). You should use a pseudonym for any of the characters in the narrative to maintain confidentiality. You will be graded on the quality of your writing and how well you present and analyze the events of the illness narrative. This should read like a story but the emphasis is on the anthropological analysis of the meaning of this experience within a specific cultural context.

**Please include section headings + creative titles so we can easily identify the sections of your paper**  
(e.g. “Resolution: Coming home from the hospital”)

Section	Questions	Content	Points
<b>Abstract</b> (separate page)	<i>What is the story about?</i>	Gives a compelling overview of the illness experience from beginning to end (or present time) and identifies the type of narrative (1-2 paragraphs on separate page)	5
<b>Orientation</b>	<i>Who, what, when where, and why?</i>	Sets the personal, social and cultural context of the story. Offers a series of temporal events (diagnosis, treatment, management) as well as the actors and institution involved (families, doctors, co-workers)	15
<b>Complicating Action</b>	<i>And then what happened?</i>	Presents a scenario(s) that directly influences the course of the story (an increase in suffering, failed treatment, a negative experience with biomedicine or social group)	10
<b>Evaluation</b>	<i>So what, how is this interesting?</i>	Describes how they have come to understand why they are in the situation, how it affects their individual identities and their social worlds	10
<b>Resolution</b>	<i>What finally happened?</i>	Brings the temporal sequence of events to a close. If there is no resolution, explain why not, or what resolution is expected by patient	5
<b>Coda</b>	<i>What are the final implications?</i>	Bridges back to the present situation with some final comments on the relevance of this illness experience to the life of the person	5
<b>Total Points</b>			50

If you fail to meet any of the following formatting criteria, we will deduct points accordingly.

- MS word format, double-spaced 12pt font, 1” margins
- 5-8 full pages of content plus abstract and cover page
- Your last name and page number in the top right header of every page
- Cover page with a creative title for your narrative, your name, PID #, “ANP 204 US12” and the date.
- Section headings with creative titles
- Works cited page and citations in Chicago Style: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/>

If you have any questions, please email me or Linda for clarification. We look forward to reading your narratives – good luck!