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## **Narrative Analysis of *Swimming Lessons***

I think the story about the author's first swimming lesson is a good example of a narrative essay. The reason I say that is because it has most of the necessary elements. The story was written in first person and it was a true story that the author actually experienced. The main character was believable and his point of view was obvious. The details that were included made the story come alive. Some examples are, "it was a wonderful feeling like flying," "hopelessly uncoordinated" and "stood timidly by". The author also included personal thoughts that helped make me feel like I was part of the story.

When the author said, "learning can be scary" and "it was the hardest thing I ever did," I could identify with those statements and I started to think about some difficult moments in my own life. Timidly, embarrassed, brightly colored were some of the descriptive words that helped me visualize the scenes. The theme of this essay was, "Now when I am faced with a new situation I am not so nervous." That is a life lesson that most people can identify with.

The only element that was missing from the narrative that might have made it even more interesting was dialogue. I would like to have heard the author's own word as he/she went through the experiences. I think there could have been some funny dialogue. All in all, I really think this was a good narrative essay sample and I enjoyed reading it.