



Backward Narrative

Step 1: Depict two future scenarios based on your story

Create the **Main Future Scenario**

- If your news story is utopian, imagine the desirable future.
- If your news story is dystopian, imagine the miserable future.
- Write on the **small blue sheet on the board**.



Now, Imagine the **Opposite Future**

- If your first was utopian, now create a dystopian outcome — and vice versa.
- Write this on a **different blue sheet (from the table)**

Step 2: Identify the present

Describe the current state of the news story, and write it on the **small blue sheet on the board**

- What is happening right now? What are the important issues?



Step 3: Discuss backward through the narrative to build a timeline of milestones

Right before the future --> The middle --> The one closer to today

- What happens? Who is involved? Why is it significant?
- Write the narrative **at the top of the paper**, above the dotted line.

