

Narrative Poems

“Casey at the Bat” is a **narrative poem**. Narrative poems are poems that tell stories. Just like a story, narrative poems have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Some famous narrative poems are “Paul Revere’s Ride” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Walrus and the Carpenter” by Lewis Carroll, and “The Raven” by Edgar Allan Poe.

Read the narrative poem below.

Rotten, Icky Monday Mornings by Alison Roozeboom

Those rotten, icky Monday mornings
always get my goat.
This morning I woke up and had
an itchy, scratchy throat,
I burnt my tongue on hot cocoa,
then tripped down half the stairs,
forgot my lunch, forgot my books,
forgot to brush my hair.
At recess Billy said to me,
“Ha-ha, you’re such a nerd!”
I was so upset that during class
I didn’t hear a word,
and when the teacher called on me
I had nothing to say.
When class was done, Miss Johnson came
to me and asked, “Bad day?”
I nodded, so she smiled and said,
“I thought that you seemed blue—

those rotten, icky Monday mornings
get me sometimes, too.
I’ll tell you what I do to turn
a nasty day around:
First, I jump a dozen times
just one foot on the ground.
I scrunch my nose and purse my lips
and shut my eyes so tight,
I flap my arms like chicken wings
and roar with all my might.”
And sure enough, the silly jig
was like a magic cure.
I did it all the way back home
and I can say for sure,
those rotten, icky Monday mornings
may be quite a pain,
but laughing makes it easier
to pick yourself up again.

Write a narrative poem about your day so far. It doesn’t have to rhyme!
