

Chapter 11: Narrative Psychology

Smith, B., and Sparkes, A.C. (2006) Narrative inquiry in psychology: exploring the tensions within, *Qualitative Research in Psychology*, 3: 169-92.

This article gives a useful review and debate regarding the development of narrative research in psychology.

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This article presents a narrative analysis and explores the benefits of a narrative approach in order to dig deeper and uncover the complex layers of meaning used to structure experience.

Ross, J. A. & Green, C. (2011) Inside the experience of anorexia nervosa: a narrative thematic analysis, *Counselling & Psychotherapy Research*, 11(2):112-119

This article is an example of qualitative research utilising a form of narrative thematic analysis, so it serves as a good example of both thematic analysis and a narrative analysis. The authors analysed interview data to ultimately explore the experience of inpatient treatments for anorexia nervosa, whilst also looking more holistically at the experience of having anorexia nervosa, its impact on the participant's lives and their experiences of treatment. The authors did not code the material but looked for ideas, themes and connections between material; whilst also aiming to allow a more 'layered' narrative structure to emerge.