

Telling a Story

A NARRATIVE

Marty and I jumped to our feet.

"Ohhhh." I heard Marty let out a frightened moan.

I started to back away. I thought maybe I could scramble out the other side of the car.

But the snarling, growling monsters came at us from both sides.

"L-leave us alone!" I stammered.

A monster covered in tangled brown fur opened his jaws to reveal long, jagged rows of yellow teeth. His hot breath exploded in my face.

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Giving Information

EXPLAINING

Spanish Explorers

After Christopher Columbus's voyages to the New World, many Spaniards came to this continent to explore. One Spanish explorer was Ponce de Leon. He traveled through present-day Florida to find the Fountain of Youth. A second explorer, Coronado, searched for the Seven Cities of Gold. He and his men traveled for three years. They did not find the cities of gold, but they did find the villages of the Pueblo who lived in the Southwest. They also saw the Grand Canyon. A third explorer was Hernando De Soto. De Soto traveled through Florida and then traveled west as far as the Mississippi River. He and his men were the first people from Spain to explore the Mississippi. These three men were only a few of the many people who explored the New World.

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