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# Qualitative Research Design: Narrative Research

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# What is narrative research? [1]

- Collection of stories from individuals about individuals' lived and told experiences.
- The story emerges through the interactions or dialogues between the researcher and the participant(s) – has a collaborative feature.
- Narrative stories highlight individual experiences – accentuates unique identities.

Source: Creswell (2013, p.71-72)

## What is narrative research? [2]

- Narrative stories follow a chronology of events – focuses on the microanalytic picture.
- The stories usually consist of turning points – highlighting tensions or interruptions.
- Narrative stories are contextualised – presented within particular places or situations.

Source: Creswell (2013, p.71-72)

# The key characteristics of narrative research [1]

Characteristics	Narrative Research
Focus	Exploring the life of an individual.
Type of problem best suited for design	Needing to tell stories of individual experiences.
Discipline background	Drawing from the humanities (anthropology, literature, history, psychology, and sociology).
Unit of analysis	Studying one or more individuals.

Source: Creswell (2013, p.104)

## The key characteristics of narrative research [2]

Characteristics	Narrative Research
Data collection forms	Using primarily interviews and document.
Data analysis strategies	Analysing data for stories, “restorying” stories, and developing themes, often using a chronology .
Written report	Developing a narrative about the stories of an individual’s life.

Source: Creswell (2013, p.105)

## Summary

### Narrative design:

- Individual experiences
- Chronology of the experience
- Collecting individual stories
- Restorying
- Coding for themes
- Context or setting
- Collaborating with participants

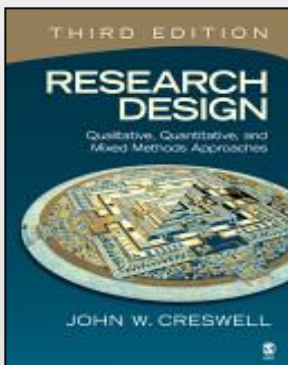
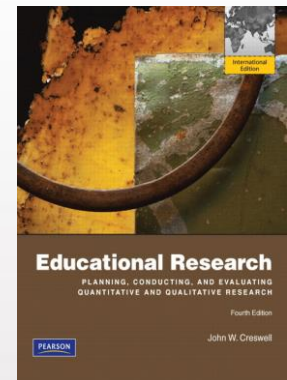
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