

Flashback

A **flashback** tells of a conversation, episode, or event that happened before the beginning of the story. It is a technique that writers use to add drama or interest to a plot. A flashback interrupts the sequence of events in the story. Flashbacks provide information about a character's present situation or explain a current conflict.

Use a chart like the one below to help you analyze flashbacks and what they reveal about a story. List any words you find that signal the beginning or end of a flashback.

Title:

Author:

Flashback	Information Revealed	Signal Words or Phrases