

FLASHBACK

A flashback is a literary device in which an earlier event is inserted into the normal chronological order of a narrative.

Flashbacks can occur in the form of narration, dreams, memories, etc. They can provide insight into a character's behaviour and attitude; can give insight into current conflicts or can add depth to the plot.



"There are good reasons to leave the reading present: by flashing back we can deepen characterisation, create suspense, or introduce other characters and events that will eventually matter a great deal to our outcome." – Stuart Horwitz

