Grade 5 English Language Arts Week of November 16 – November 20

Lesson 2: You're the Author - Prewriting



You are going to try your hand at being a writer! How exciting!

You need to pick two different genres to write in. You will be writing two stories. All good things come in pairs!

Tackle one story at a time. If you want, you can use your descriptive writing from the first Unit as a jumping off point for one of your stories. For each story, use the planning sheets provided.

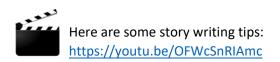


If you need a refresher on the writing process, revisit this video: <u>https://youtu.be/ iEi_OPve2k</u>

Look at the rubric that would be used to assess your work. Look over the the rubric again as a final checklist.

	Strong character(s), clear conflict, and	Characters, conflict, and theme	Characters, conflict, and theme are	The story is not clear. There
	theme that are supported by story	evident, but the supporting	somewhat clear, but there is a need for	is a seemingly random
	events and details. Clear beginning,	information is general. May need a	more supporting information. Introduction	collection of information.
	middle and conclusion.	stronger introduction or conclusion.	and conclusion may be awkward, weak, or	1 point
	4 points	3 points	missing.	
			2 points	
	The events and details of the story are	Events and details are placed in a	Some events and details are not in a logical	Many events details are not
	placed in a logical order and the way	logical order, but the way in which they	or expected order, OR some details are	in a logical or expected
	they are presented effectively keeps	are presented/introduced sometimes	missing and this distracts the reader.	order. There is little sense
	the interest of the reader.	makes the writing less interesting.	2 points	that the writing is
	4 points	3 points		organized.
				1 point
	Writer uses many sensory details,	Writer uses some sensory details,	Writer attempts to use sensory details,	Writer uses almost no
	specific nouns, exact verbs, and	specific nouns, exact verbs, and	specific nouns, exact verbs, and effective	sensory details, specific
	effective comparisons.	effective comparisons.	comparisons.	nouns, exact verbs, or
	4 points	3 points	2 points	effective comparisons.
				1 point
Conventions	Final copy has no errors in	Final copy has a few errors, but they	Final copy has multiple errors that may	Work has obviously not
	punctuation, capitalization, and	don't interfere with understanding the	make it hard to understand.	been edited or proofread.
	spelling.	content.	2 points	1 point
	4 points	3 points		
Writing	All steps of the writing process	Missing one of the steps of the writing	Missing more than one of the steps of the	Only one piece of writing
Process	included: story planning sheets,	process.	writing process.	handed in.
	plotting action sheets 1-3, conclusion	3 points	2 points	1 point
	sheet, revised copy, edited copy, and			
	final copy.			
	4 points			

Story Writing Tips





Brainstorm Story Ideas



Choose the first story genre and now harness in your ideas in the prewriting phase. This is where you get your mental rain cloud to pour out ideas. (Did you see that metaphor!)

Don't worry about how it looks – just get your pen moving on the paper. There are many different brainstorming techniques. Read through the following pages and find what works best for you.

Free Writing

One way to get started is to set a timer for five to ten minutes and just start writing ideas. Have your topic in mind and keep your words flowing. Don't worry about spelling or grammar; the goal is to get as many ideas as possible down. If you can't think of what to write, just write anything that comes to mind. We won't use this technique this time!



Freewriting: https://youtu.be/400EMX0nnl4

Listing

Write down your topic as the title. Then list as many related ideas underneath it. Write phrases or single words. Your list when brainstorming does not have to be in any kind of order – just list as many things as you can about the topic.

Mind Mapping

Put your story idea in a circle in the middle of the page. Then create branches off it and write down ideas. From these bigger branches, draw smaller branches with related ideas. You can use different colours and add images (quick sketches) to help you with the process.



Sketcho Frenzy – Mind Map: <u>https://youtu.be/Xfx4PIg0rpI</u>

Choose how you would like to brainstorm. Next, record some ideas. What genres would you like to write stories for? What ideas do you have for setting? Character? The main type of conflict in each story?

Brainstorming

Directions: Choose one of the brainstorming methods and brainstorm ideas for your story writing.