

SESSION 1: DEVELOPING WRITING FROM SENTENCES TO MULTIPARAGRAPHS

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Developing Writing

From Sentences to Multiparagraphs

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Lower Elementary Writing Continuum

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Daily Writing to Paragraph Writing

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Multi-Paragraph Planning

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The setting is:

This is a place where:

When does the story start?

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What is the hero like at the beginning:

How the hero will change by the end of the adventure:

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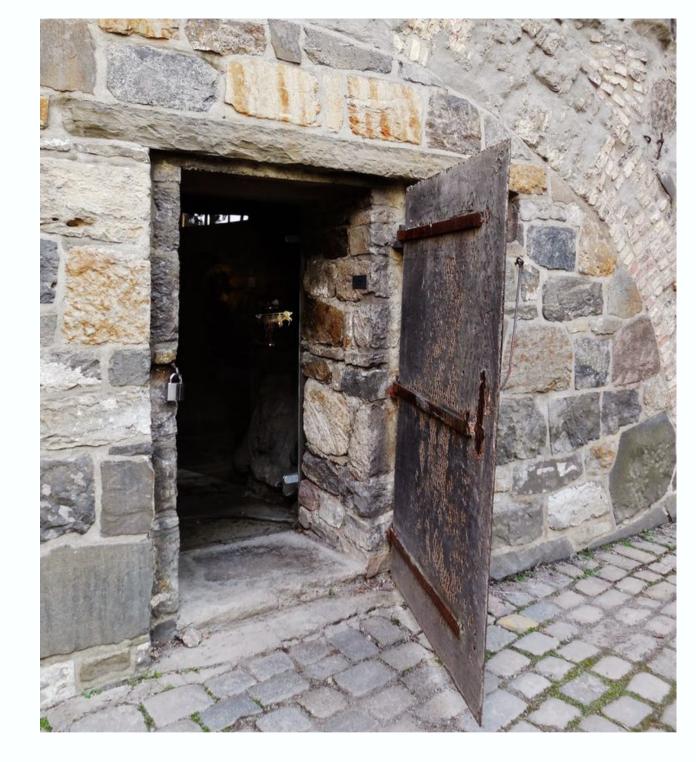
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Sampling Writing Skills
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Daily Writing to Paragraphs
Paragraph Structure Diagrams

SAMPLING PROMPTS:



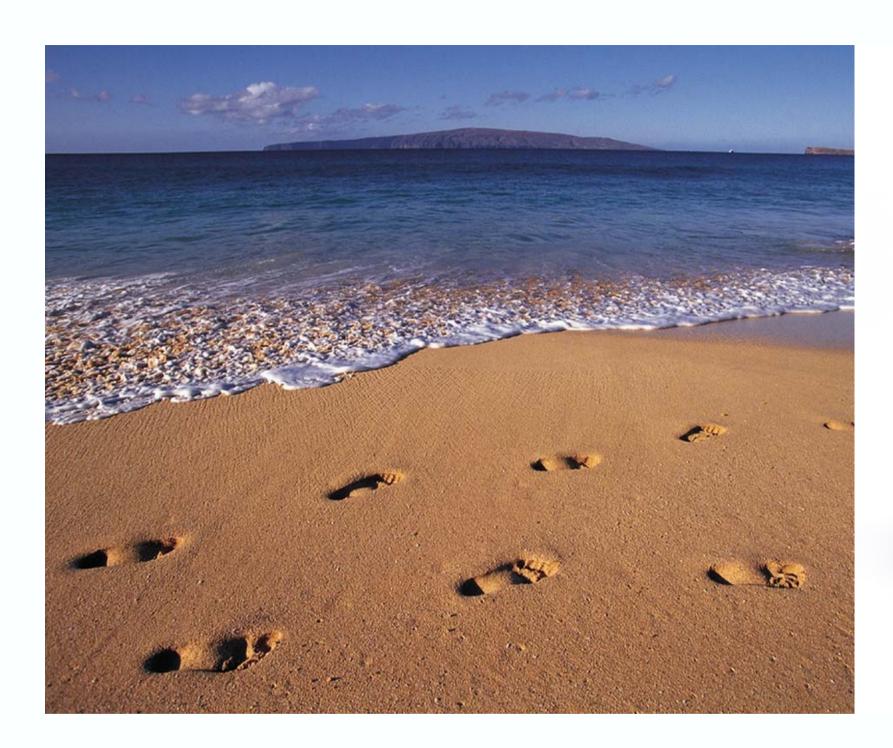


YEAR 1: FALL

Imagine you are walking in a city.
Write about what happens next.

YEAR 1: SPRING

You are in a castle, exploring with a friend. You find a door that is not locked and you open it. Tell what happens next.





YEAR 2: FALL

You take a walk on the beach and lose track of time. Tell what happens next.

YEAR 2: SPRING

Imagine that you open your front door and find a giant bag. Write about what happens when you open it up.

SAMPLING PROMPTS:





YEAR 3: FALL

Imagine you are walking through the woods. Write about what happens next.

YEAR 3: SPRING

Your grandparents are inventors. One day, you were searching through their house. You found a very strange machine with many buttons, knobs, and dials. You had never seen a machine like it before. On one side, there was a button that said ON.

Tell the story of what happens.

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DAILY WRITING

Sentence expansion with first year students

SENTENCE EXPANSION TOPIC DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTATION

TOPIC/LEAD SENTENCE

Identify the topic sentence/main idea

Hook the reader's attention by making it interesting: use descriptive words, use sensory words

Hook the reader's attention by making a dramatic statement

Hook the reader's attention by posing a question

Hook the reader's attention by not telling everything

DETAIL SENTENCES

Include 3 detail sentences. Each detail sentence tells you something about the topic sentence by answering a what question.

Include 4 detail sentences. Each detail sentence tells you something about the topic sentence by answering a what question.

EXPLANATION SENTENCES *

Include 1 explanation sentence for each detail sentence. Each explanation sentence answers a how or why question.

Include 2 explanation sentences for each detail sentence. Each explanation sentence answers a how or why question.

CONCLUDING/ENDING SENTENCE

Restate the topic sentence to end the paragraph with word substitutions

Summarize the ideas in the paragraph

Include the author's feelings on the topic

Start with a transition phrase: In the end, (narrative), Finally, (sequence), So, (advice), In conclusion

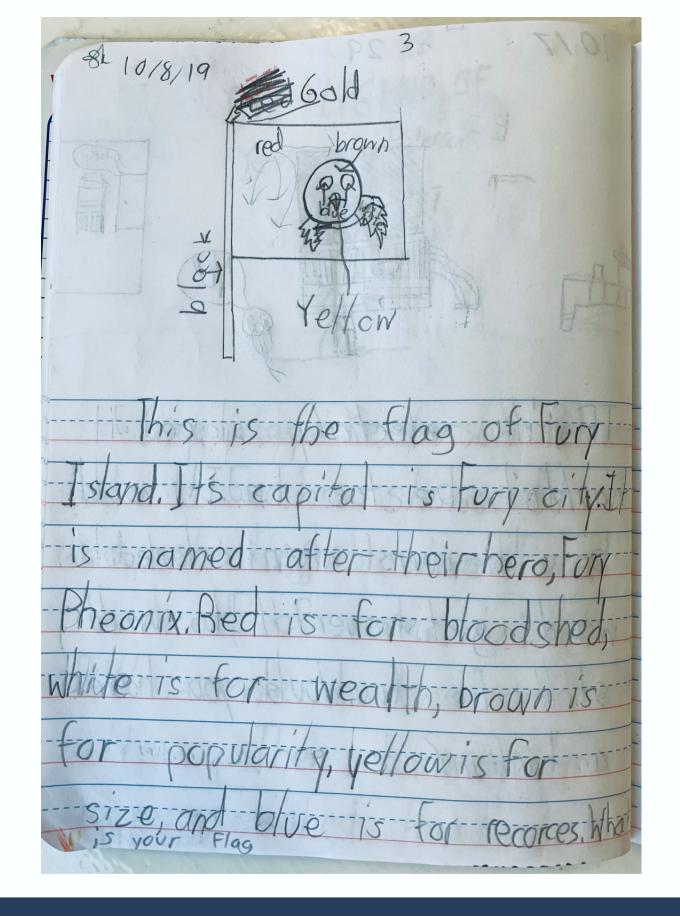
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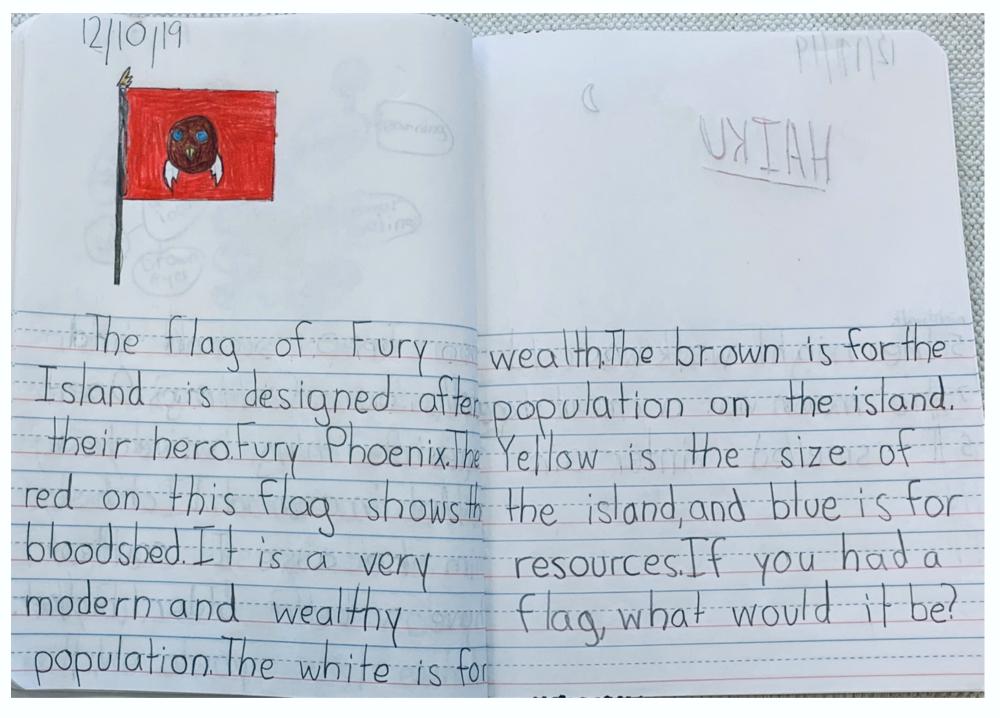
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Basic Paragraph Structure

Topic Sentence Detail Sentence #1 Explanation Sentence Detail Sentence #2 Explanation Sentence Detail Sentence #3 **Explanation Sentence Detail Sentence #4 Explanation Sentence Concluding Sentence**

Advanced Paragraph Structure





FIRST DRAFT

FINAL DRAFT

DAILY WRITING

Conferencing with a third year student

HANDWRITING

Print letters that are well formed and easy to read

Write cursive letters are well formed and easy to read

Type letters in a font that is easy to read

SPACING

Separate words by spaces

Separate sentences by spaces

Indent the first sentence

Use margins (top, bottom, left, right) to frame the paragraph

ILLUSTRATIONS

Create illustrations that reflect the meaning

Create illustrations that add to the meaning

Write captions/labels that identify what the reader is seeing

PRESENTING TO AN AUDIENCE

Practice reading for pronunciation – so the listener understands

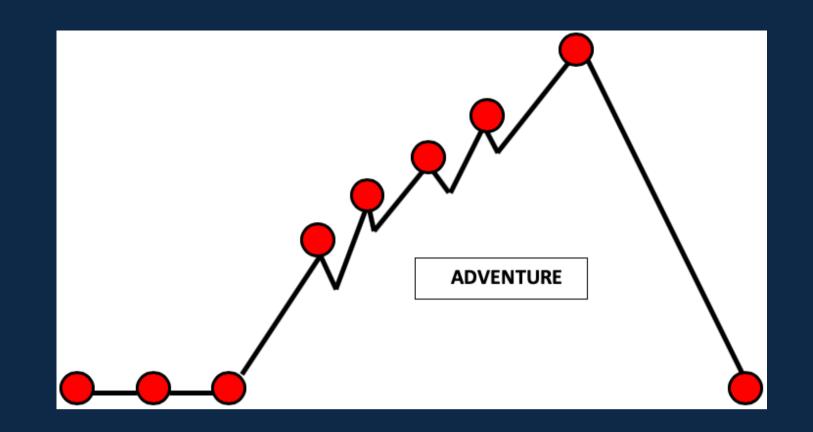
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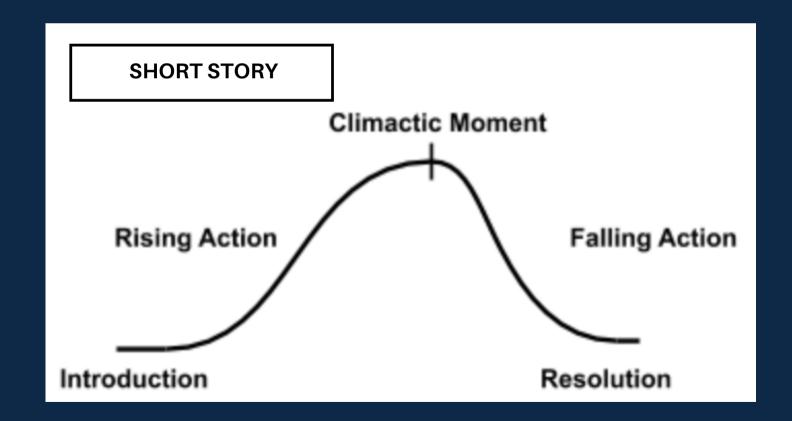
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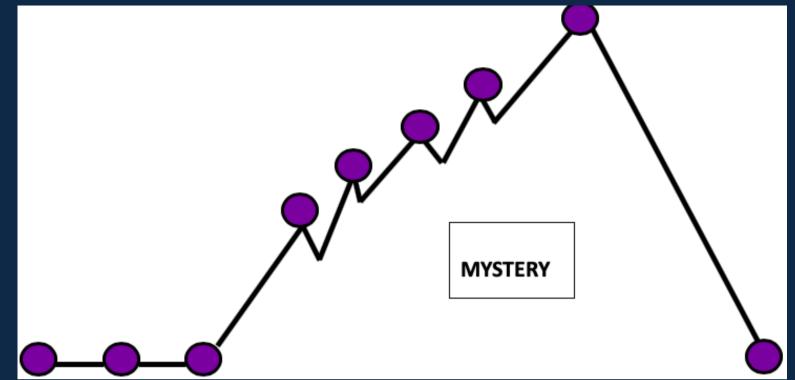


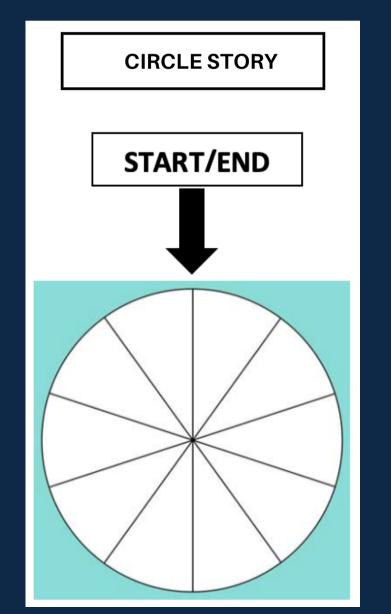
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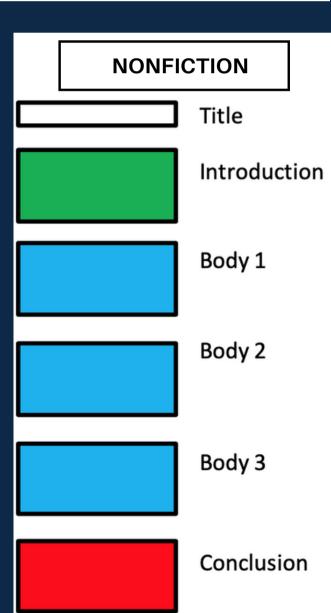
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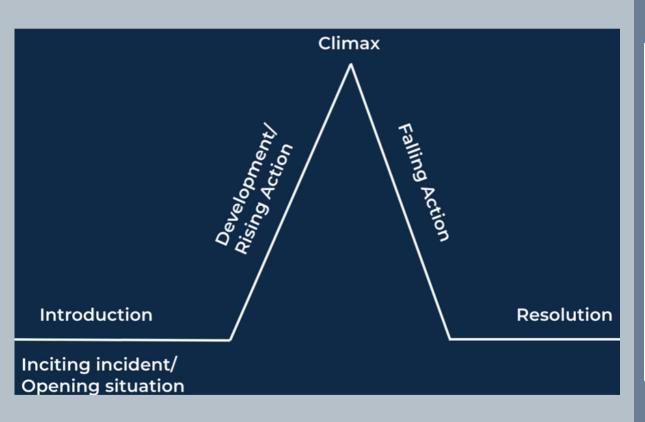


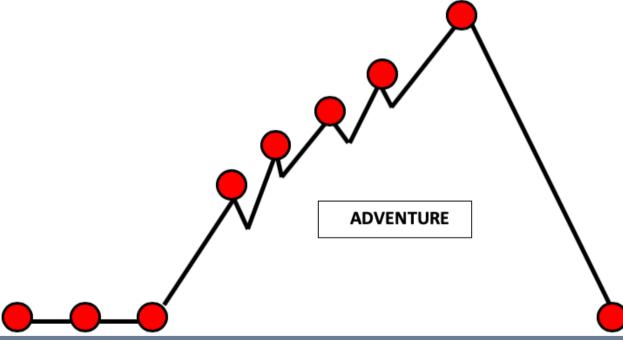




Plot Structure

Adventure Structure





Planning Guide

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Adventure Writing Unit

1. Introduce

Introduce genre with familiar stories

3. Examine

Examine various stories for genre elements

5. Write

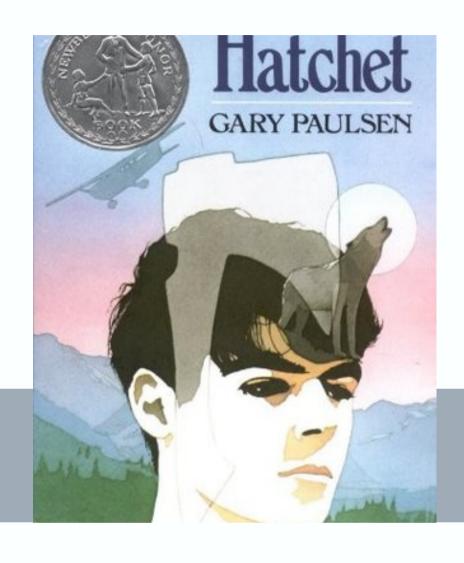
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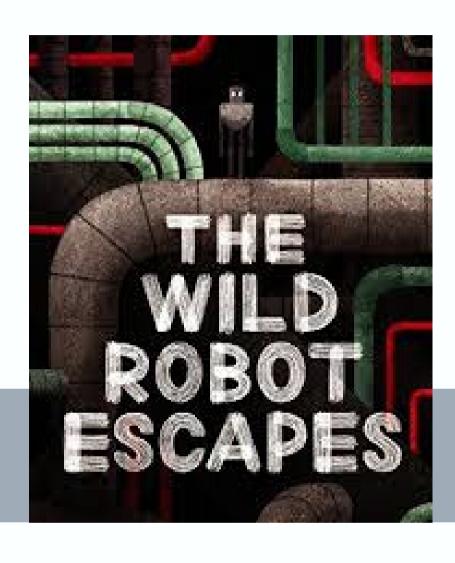
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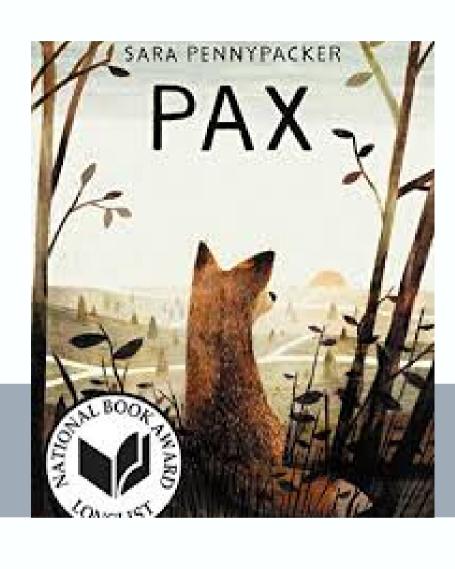
Identify elements through mentor texts

4. Plan

Plan the elements of a new adventure story







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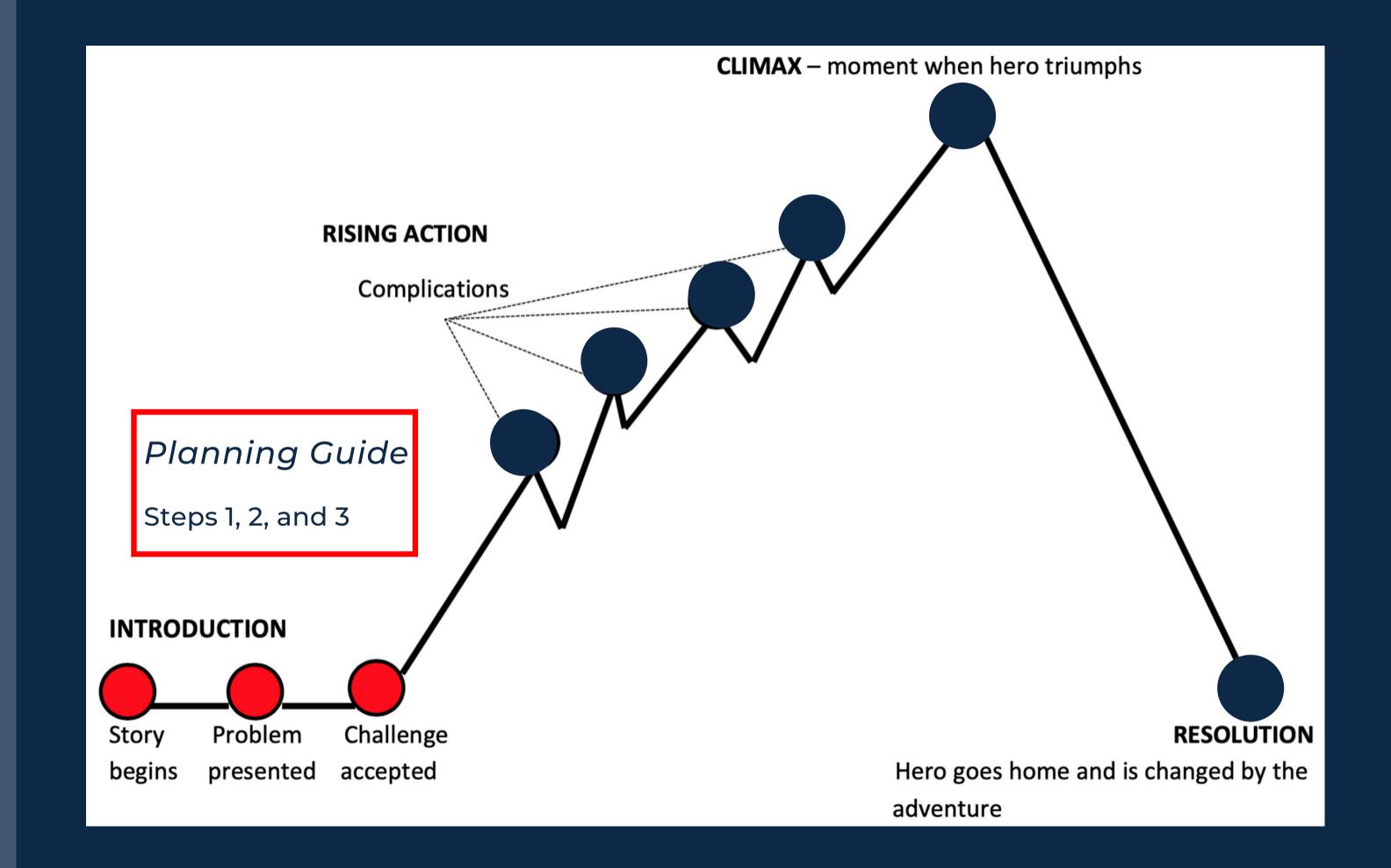
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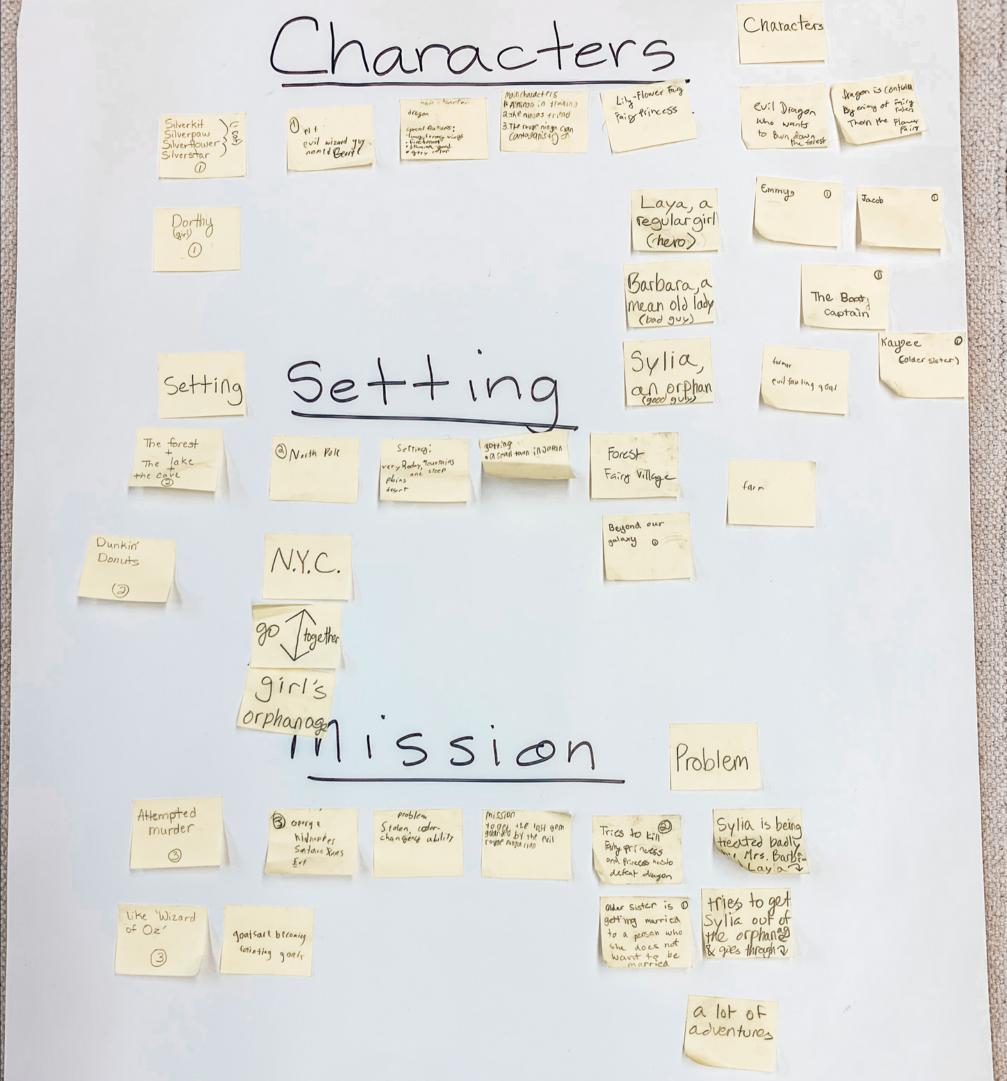
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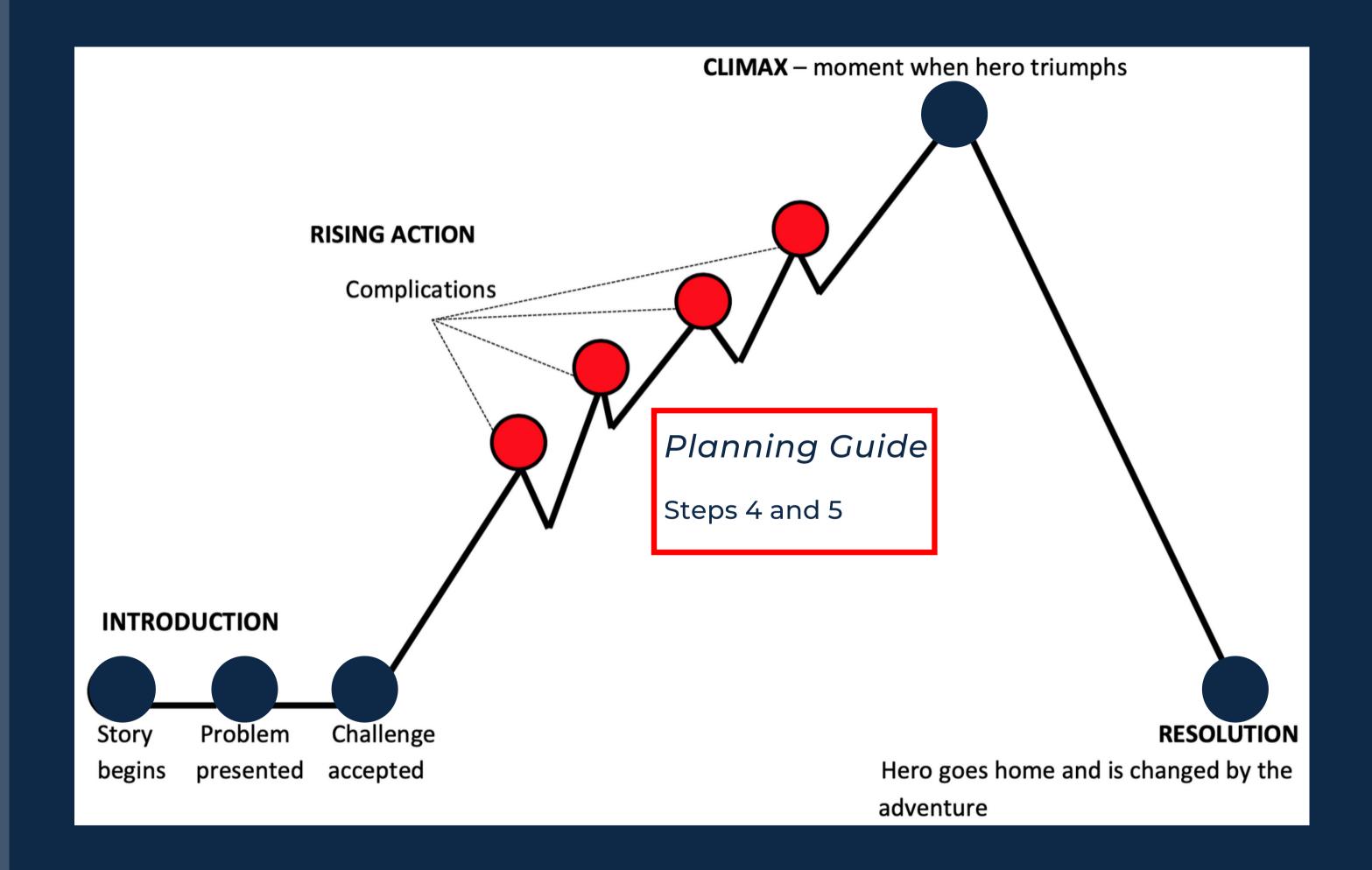
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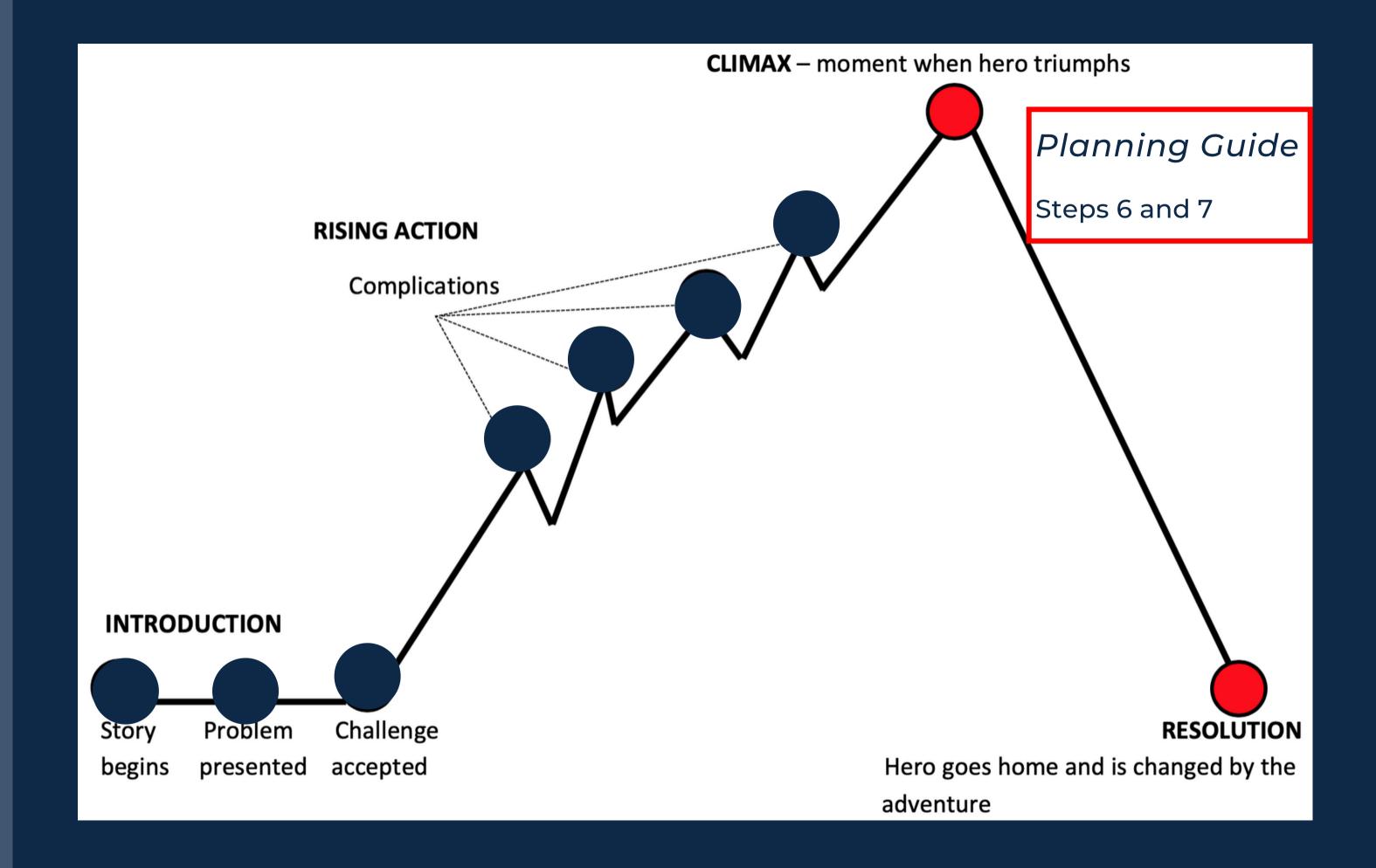
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Generating Ideas for Steps 1, 2, 3







ADVENTURE WRITING

Conferencing with students about planning guides



PLANNING GUIDE

Silverflower's Journey

Prologue:

Two tom-cats faced each other on moonlit sand. Both of their faces were curved into malicious smiles.

"You will do well," the pale-pelted tom declared.

"I know I can convince Marshstar that what we are doing is the right thing for all of us. He just needs to see things from a different perspective," the other cat meowed affirmatively. The dark-gray pelted tom suddenly rose to his paws and bounded away silently in the direction of Streamclan territory.

"If you do not succeed, Scorchtooth," The pale tom warned ominously, "I will take everything you hold dear away from you."

Chapter 1: Betrayal

Silverflower dashed through the forest with two cats hot on her heels.

"You two are as slow as old mice!" Silverflower teased.

"Really?" Scorchtooth, one of the cats trailing Silverflower challenged. "Because I seemed to have passed you." Scorchtooth sped ahead abruptly and Silverflower hissed in annoyance.

"Come on, Silverflower. Go faster so you can wipe that smug smile off his face." The black-pelted she-cat encouraged.

"Thanks, Nightfrost," Silverflower nodded her head gratefully.

"That's what sisters are for," Nightfrost remarked modestly. A few paces ahead. Scorchtooth stopped and turned to face the she-cats as they caught up to him.

"What would you think if you knew the traitor personally?" Scorchtooth asked with an unreadable expression on his face.

"Not this again!" Nightfrost wailed.

"Well," Silverflower began, "I would hear them out and give them a fair hearing."

"I'm glad you think that, because I am the one who believes that Darkclan can lead us to greatness," Scorchtooth announced quietly.

Nightfrost gasped and fled in the direction of the camp. Scorchtooth yowled, "Because of what you sai-"

"I don't care what I said, You lied to me!" Silverflower hissed and reared up onto her hind legs. "Frankly, I don't even care if Sandystar gets you exiled. As long as you can never hurt anyone ever again!"

"Friends stick up for each other, don't they?"

"I don't want to be your friend. You lied to me and conspired with the clan that slaughtered both my mother and father while Nightfrost and I watched! Friends don't do that to

COMPLETED STORY

Nonfiction Writing Unit

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Introduce topic with articles, videos

3. Examine

Examine resources to answer specific questions

5. Write

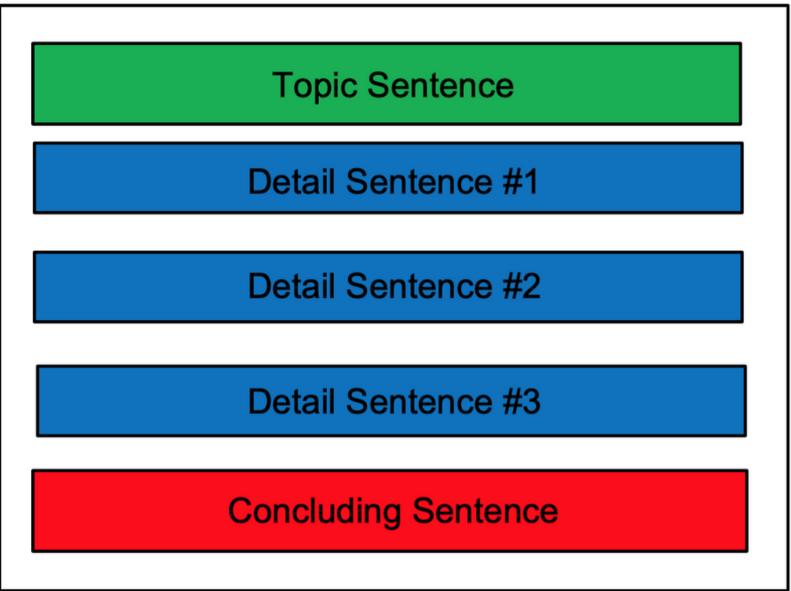
Write the new nonfiction piece

2. Build Base

Build knowledge base with mentor texts

4. Plan

Plan the paragraphs of nonfiction writing



Basic Paragraph

Structure

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Nonfiction Writing

Title

Body 1

Body 2

Body 3

Conclusion

Introduction

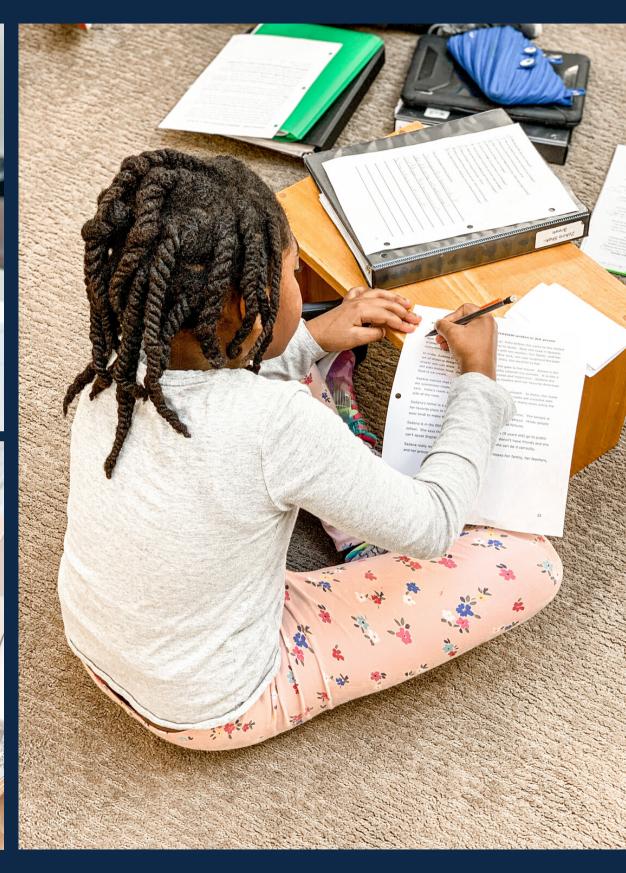
Nonfiction Writing Plan

PARAGRAPH	BULLETED DETAILS
# 1: Introduction	
Hook ideas:	
Asking a question	
Creating a scene	
Offer a little known fact	
What if?	
# 2: Body 1	
Topic:	
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# 3: Body 2	
Topic:	
# 4: Body 3	
Topic:	
# 5: Ending/Conclusion:	
How will it end:	
A recap	
A question	
A quote	
An answer to the	
question asked in the	









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