



A Story

READING WRITING WORKSHOP

Theme 1, Grade 2



Introduction

What makes a great story?

- A story is a tale with a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- Stories are make-believe, but they may seem real.

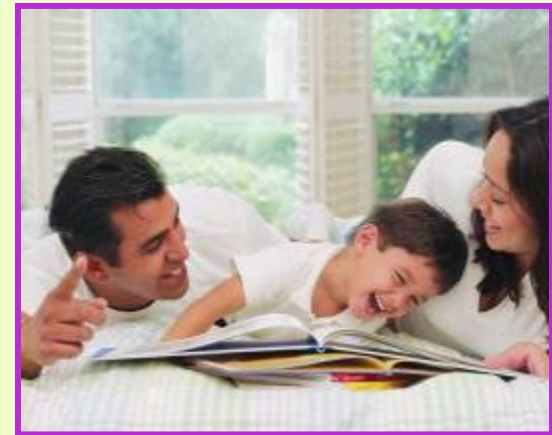




Introduction

When you write a story...

- write a good title.
- write a good beginning.
- make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and end.
- make sure the events are in order.





Introduction

When you write a story...

- include details about the setting, characters and their problems.
- finish your story by telling how the problem was solved and how the story ends.





Introduction

Reading as a Writer

- What is Ashley's story about?
- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- Why is the end of the story a surprise?
- Why is the title interesting?





Prewriting

Choosing a Topic

- What will your story be about?
- Who will be the main character?
- What will happen in your story?
- How will your story end?





Prewriting

Ideas for your story

- Did something funny ever happen to you?
- Did you read about something funny?
- Can you think of something funny an animal might do?
- Do you know some make-believe characters who do funny or surprising things?





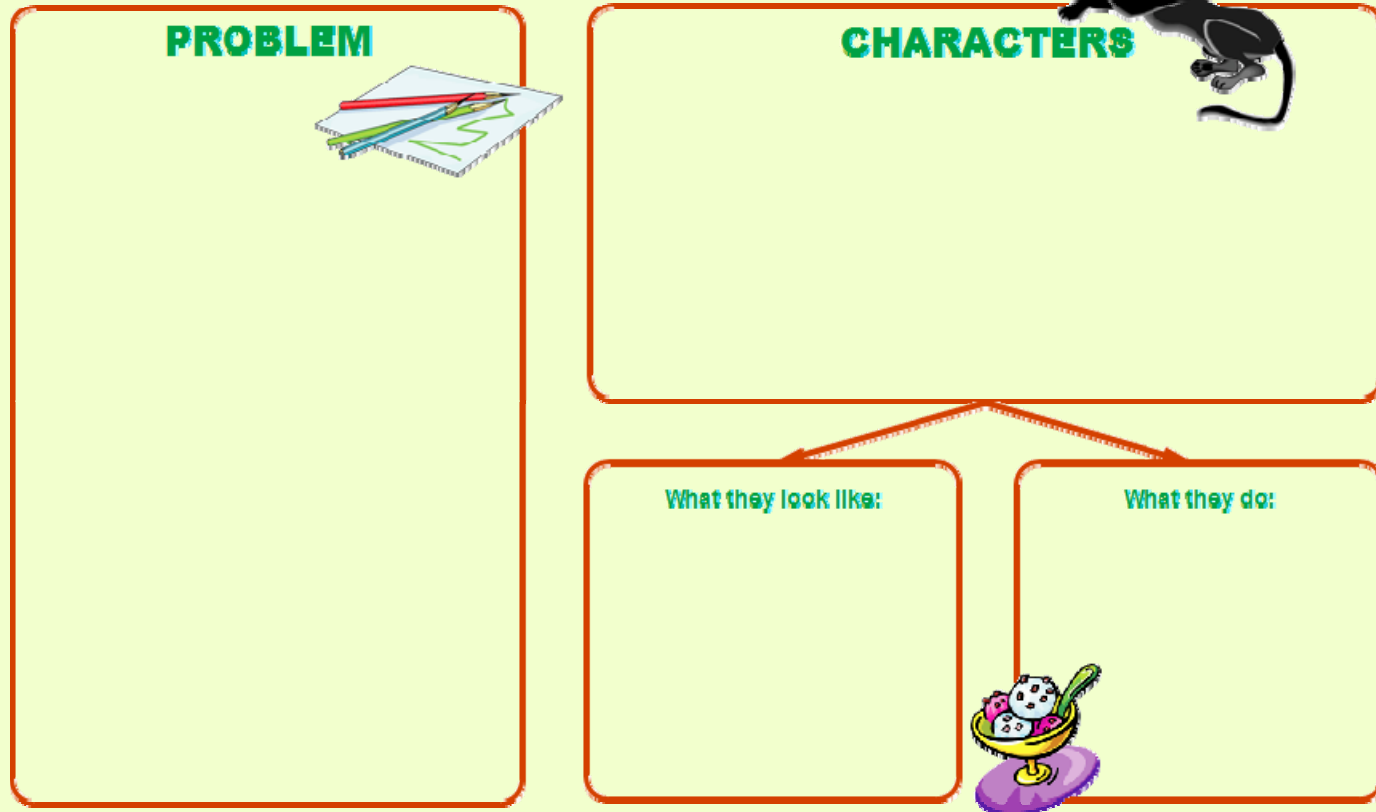
Prewriting Organizing and Planning

- A story has characters who solve a problem at the end.
- Describe your character's looks, thoughts, and actions
- Plan your story carefully.





Drafting Developing the Plot



Download this graphic organizer at www.curriculumcompanion.org



Drafting

Beginning, Middle and End

- Think of a problem to introduce at the beginning.
- Tell about the problem in the middle.
- Solve the problem at the end.





Drafting Writing a Title

Think about these questions when coming up with a title.

- What is the story about?
- What happens?
- What is an interesting way to tell what the story is about?





Revising Writing Sentences

- A sentence tells a complete thought.
- A sentence has two parts:
 - a naming part
 - an action part



naming action
↓ ↓
The girl is wearing glasses.



Revising Writing Sentences

- The first part of a sentence tells who or what the sentence is about.
- The second part of the sentence tells what happens.



who what
↓ ↓
The girl is wearing glasses.



Proofreading

Checking your Work

Capitalization

- Is the first word of every sentence capitalized?
- Did you capitalize the names of people and places?

Punctuation

- Does each sentence end with a punctuation mark?

Spelling

- Did you double check your spelling?



Publishing and Evaluating Student Self-Assessment

- What do you like best about your story?
- Does your story have a beginning, a middle, and an ending?





Publishing and Evaluating Student Self-Assessment

- Did you try anything new in your writing that you haven't tried before?
- What do you want to work on improving the next time you write?

