

## “Story Starters...” (Narratives)

When writing a narrative (a story), remember the following:

- Include characters.
- Include a setting, a problem (a conflict), and a solution (a resolution).
- Make sure your story has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- Use descriptive details.

The length is up to you!

Write a story from the point of view of a toy.	Write a story that begins with a knock on the door.	Write a story about a new invention gone wrong.	Write a story that takes place in the future.
Write a story that takes place in the middle of the night.	Write a story in which characters from two different books meet.	Write a story from the point of view of a villain.	Write a story that begins with a dream.
Write a story that takes place in another world.	Write a story that begins with a flashback.	Write a story about overcoming an obstacle.	Write a story that begins with a scream.
Write a story that takes place in a board game or video game.	Write a new ending to a favourite story.	Write about going back in time.	Write a story about an animal with superpowers.

## Top Ten

- 1) Create a top 10 list based on the topic given.
- 2) Write a paragraph to justify (which means to explain, show, or prove) your #1 pick.

Remember, a paragraph includes:

- A topic (opening) sentence
- 3 star ideas
- A concluding (closing) sentence

Write a top 10 list for your favourite summer activities.

Write a top 10 list of words that best describe you.

Write your top 10 goals for this school year.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite foods.

Write a top 10 list of things you are grateful for.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite outdoor activities.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite movies.

Write a top 10 list of ways you help out at home.

Write a top 10 list of the best superpowers.

Write a top 10 list of your dreams and wishes.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite snacks or treats.

Write a top 10 list of things you would need on a deserted island.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite words.

Write a top 10 list of things you would like to accomplish in your lifetime.

Write a top 10 list of your favourite characters.

Write a top 10 list of the most important things you learned this year.

## Words of Wisdom - Responding to Quotes

Write a paragraph responding to the quote. Use the following questions to guide your response:

- What do you think this quote means?
- What message is the speaker trying to send?
- How do you think this quote might apply to your own life?

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<p><b>“It always seems impossible until it’s done”</b></p> <p>- Nelson Mandela</p>	<p><b>“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.”</b></p> <p>- Hans Christian Andersen</p>	<p><b>“Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart”</b></p> <p>- Winnie the Pooh</p>	<p><b>“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind”</b></p> <p>- Dr. Seuss</p>
<p><b>“No two persons ever read the same book”</b></p> <p>- Edmund Wilson</p>	<p><b>“You always pass failure on your way to success”</b></p> <p>- Mickey Rooney</p>	<p><b>“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new”</b></p> <p>- Albert Einstein</p>	<p><b>“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”</b></p> <p>- Lao Tzu</p>
<p><b>“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships”</b></p> <p>- Michael Jordan</p>	<p><b>“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”</b></p> <p>- Mother Teresa</p>	<p><b>“I’m a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”</b></p> <p>- Thomas Jefferson</p>	<p><b>“Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think.”</b></p> <p>- Albert Einstein</p>
<p><b>“Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.”</b></p> <p>- Roald Dahl</p>	<p><b>“It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.”</b></p> <p>- Confucius</p>	<p><b>“Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.”</b></p> <p>- Dr. Seuss</p>	<p><b>“The expert in anything was once a beginner.”</b></p> <p>- Helen Hayes</p>

## My Thoughts + Opinions

Share your thoughts and opinions on the topic in a paragraph form. Remember to include the following:

- Topic sentence:
  - Clearly state your opinion on the topic.
- Star Ideas and Details:
  - Provide reasons and examples to support.
- Concluding sentence:
  - End with a closing sentence that reminds readers of your opinion on the topic.

Write your thoughts about: Dogs vs. Cats	Write your thoughts about which is better: having older siblings or younger siblings.	Write your thoughts about: The best season of the year	Write your thoughts about: A way to change the world
Write your thoughts about: An idea for a new invention	Write your thoughts about: The best superpower	Write your thoughts about: A way to take care of our planet.	Write your thoughts about: Books vs. Movies
Write your thoughts about: Video Games	Write your thoughts about: The best breakfast cereal	Write your thoughts about: The most important school subject	Write your thoughts about: Smart Phones
Write your thoughts about: An important technological advancement.	Write your thoughts about: Breakfast vs. Dinner	Write your thoughts about: Rules	Write your thoughts about: An important scientific discovery.

## Flashback

Write a personal story (narrative) based on the topic.

- Use descriptive details to share your memory or experience.

Think about:

- WHERE you were, WHO was there, and WHAT happened.
- HOW you felt about the experience.
- WHAT you learned.

Write about your favourite moment from summer.	Write about a time someone did something nice for you.	Write about something you remember from Kindergarten.	Write about a special memory with a family member.
Write about a time you experienced something for the first time.	Write about how you met one of your friends.	Write about a time you did something nice for someone else.	Write about a time you did something you were proud of.
Write about a time when you were surprised.	Write about a time you learned a lesson.	Write about a time you overcame a challenge.	Write about a time when you were forgetful.
Write about a time you learned how to do something new.	Write about a time when something embarrassing happened to you.	Write about a time you spent a night away from home.	Write about a time you couldn't stop laughing.

## Self-Reflecting

Respond to the following question in complete sentences and do your best to structure it in paragraph form.

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How would you like to be remembered?	What makes YOU unique?	What is your greatest talent?	What is the best compliment you've ever received? Why?
When you're feeling confident, what emotions do you experience?	Write about a person you admire. What qualities do you have in common with this person?	What is your favourite thing to do? How do you feel when you work on this activity?	What is the most important lesson you have ever learned?
How do you know when you've succeeded at something?	If you could set a world record, what would it be for? Why?	What is it that makes you who you are?	What does it feel like when someone recognizes something you worked hard to do?