

Plan a Fable to Teach a Lesson

CCSSW3—write narratives; CCSSW4—plan writing

People write fables to teach lessons.

What lesson will your fable teach?

Setting: Where will the fable take place?

Draw a picture that shows that place.



Characters and Traits

Use characters' traits to make the lesson clear.

Fable writers use animals as all the characters in the fable. Each animal has characteristics that the writer chooses to help teach the lesson. For example, the fable about the turtle and the rabbit in which the turtle wins a race because the turtle keeps going while the rabbit takes a nap uses a slow animal and a fast animal to teach that lesson.

Which animals will be the characters in your fable?

Think of animals that will help you tell the story so people learn the lesson,

Use this chart to tell about the characters.

Animal	Why You Chose this Animal—What traits do people think of when they think of this animal?

How will the characters feel about each other?

_____ feels _____ about _____.

_____ feels _____ about _____.

_____ feels _____ about _____.

_____ feels _____ about _____.

Plan the Plot to Teach the Lesson

Problem and Solution

What **problem** will the characters have?

How will they **solve** it?

Plan how the fable will start and what will happen.

First	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Last	

Write the fable.

Use pictures and dialogue to make it clear and interesting.