

Graphic Organizers to Scaffold Writing Across the Curriculum



Story Framework

Use the Elements of Fiction to WRITE or Interpret a Story

CCSS reading literature 2: Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development

THEME What is the **theme**—the central idea?

CCSS reading literature 5: structure of the story

PLOT > What will happen? (structure of a story)

- How does it begin? (exposition)
- How does it continue? (rising action)
- What is the climax? (turning point)
- What happens after that? (falling action)
- How does it end? (resolution)

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CCSS reading literature: CCSS 3: character development; 1: read closely, analyze, infer with evidence

CHARACTERS

- > Who are the main characters?
- > What are their traits?
 - How does the writer communicate those traits?
 dialogue to help readers understand the characters?
 use actions they take to help readers understand their traits—and the theme?
 tell the character's thoughts and feelings?
- > How do they feel about each other? (relationships)
 - How do readers learn that?
- > How does a main character **change**?
 - What causes that change?

CCSS 5—how does the writer communicate?

SETTING

- > Where and when does it take place? (setting)
 - How do readers "see" that place?
 - How do readers know what that time is?
 - How does the setting create a mood or atmosphere?

CCSS reading literature 3: plot;

PROBLEM OR CONFLICT

- > What **problem** or **conflict** do the characters face?
- > How do they **solve** it or **resolve** it?

CCSS reading literature 6: point of view

POINT OF VIEW

- > Who narrates?
 - A character from the story
 - A narrator who is just telling the events but not explaining the story (third person)
 - A narrator who is not part of the story but who tells us what the characters are thinking (third person omniscient)

For more information and examples of the elements of fiction, go to http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/lit

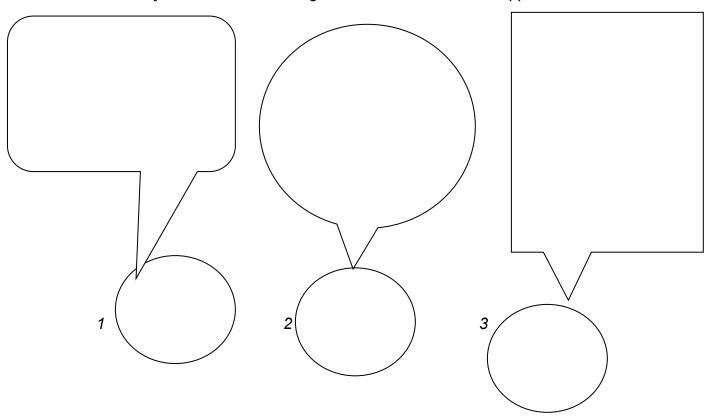


Expand a Story: Infer Evidence-Based Dialogue

Common Core Anchor Standard 1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

Story:		
List three different characte	ers.	
1	2	3
INFER FEELINGS How do you infer each one felt	t? Explain your answer wit	h evidence from the text.
Person 1 felt	because	
Person 2 felt	because	
Person 3 felt	because	

Write what you think each one might have said about what happened?





Compare the Feelings of the Narrator and a Character CCSSR3. Analyze characters' development—and CCSSR5—analyze writer's techniques.

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Choose one important event that takes place in the story.				
Event:				
Then write to tell how the narrator and				
Narrator	Character:			
How the narrator feels about the event:	How this character feels about the event:			
Quotation that provides evidence:	Quotation that provides evidence:			
Added Challenge What would that character write about tl	ne event in a letter or journal?			
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Answer the BIG Question with Cited Examples and Evidence

CCSSR1—read closely to learn ideas (CCSSR2)

BIG question: What is an important idea about				
Collect ideas, facts, examples. You can find them in your class notes, from books, articles, and the Internet.				
What I learned	Where I Found It			
Write an idea you learned. Support it with examples you found. a page in a textbooka part of an exhibita report an article				
an article	(another format)			



SMART CHART: CORE VOCABULARY

Common Core Anchor Reading Standard 4.Expand academic vocabulary

WORD	Show what it means. Draw a picture.	Write a word that tells about your word. It could be an adjective or a word in another language.

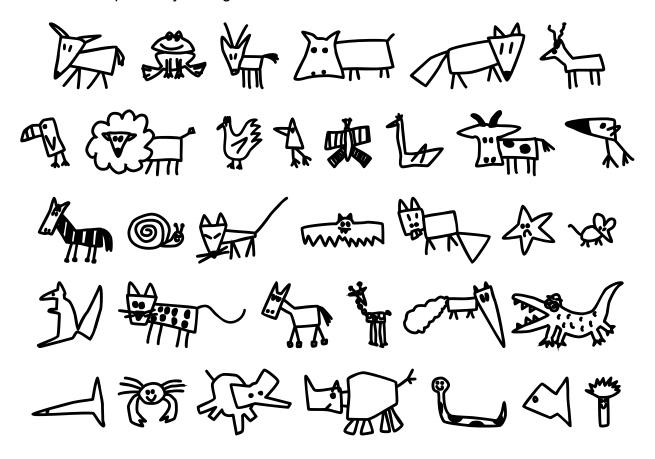
Make the Writing Connection

Use your core vocabulary to write about this topic.



Show a Concept

CCSSR2—explanatory writing



EXPLORE

Find an animal that looks interesting. What do you like about it?

CLASSIFY

Find two animals that are alike. How are they like each other?

CONTRAST

Find two animals that are very different. How are they different?

ANALYZE, then INFER

Find an animal that probably moves fast. What helps it move fast?

SYNTHESIZE

Write a note from one of the animals. Tell how your parts help you live.

Which cross-cutting science concept does this activity develop?

__cause and effect __systems __structure and function __patterns

Cut out some of the animals and arrange them in a diagram or chart showing that concept. Then write a label explaining how the exhibit shows that idea.



Set up Science Word/Idea Connection Exhibits.

Common Core Anchor Reading Standard 4.Expand academic vocabulary Students illustrate the academic vocabulary and then write to explain an idea with these words.

Examples of Science Vocabulary Word Walls

	Scientific Method	
hypothesis	experiment	variable
estimate	conclusion	data
	ecosystem	
balance	adaptation	interdependence
food chain	food web	water cycle



Picture a Paragraph

CCSSR2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

Choose a page to read.

Choose one paragraph that's interesting. Every paragraph tells about an idea.

Draw a picture that shows the main idea you learned from the paragraph.

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Give your picture and that page number to another student.

See if they can find your paragraph.

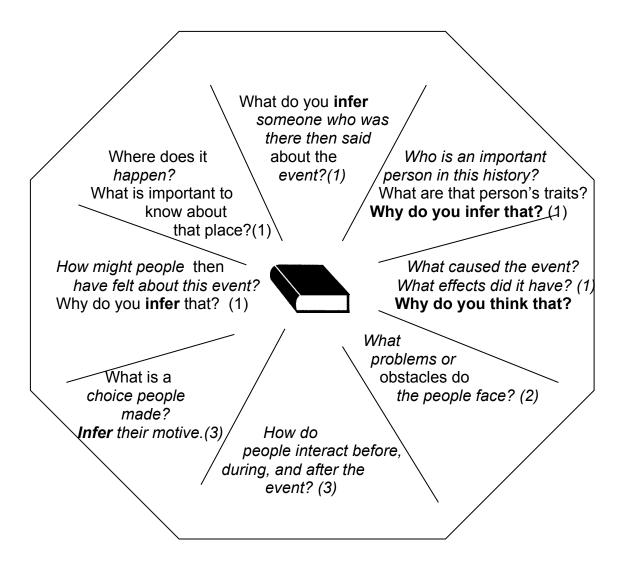


I Can Synthesize
CCSSR7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

Topic:				
Important Words				
Word	Word	Word	Word	
Picture	Picture	Picture	Picture	
Important Information	on			
		_		
	_	_		
Show or write about	the topic here.			



Analyze History with Common Core Questions



CCSSR Standards Emphasized: 1—read closely; 2—figure out ideas; 3) Analyze relationships.

What lesson can people learn from this history? (2)

Support your answers with evidence from the history.

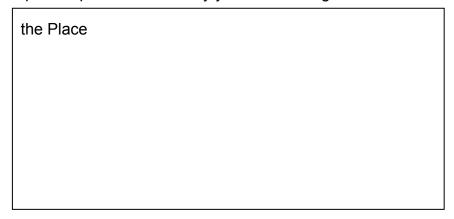


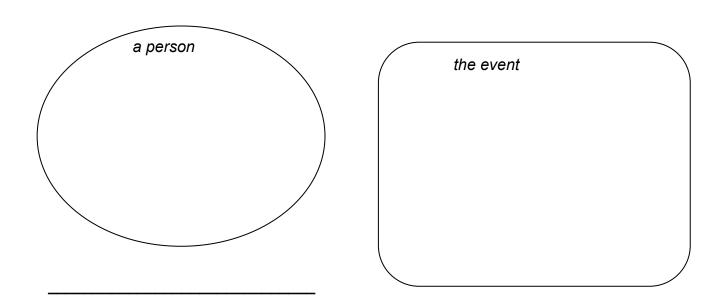
Show and Tell History

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS—Common Core Literacy Standards

- 1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
- 2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

Show three important	t parts of the history v	vou are learning	Write a label for each	n nart
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What is an important lesson people can learn from this history?



History Reader
Read carefully (CCSSR1), analyze relationships (CCSSR3), then infer the central idea or theme of a history (CCSŚR2)

Draw two persons who are in it. Show their traits in your pictures.
Show the most important event.
Write a caption for your picture.
What is a central idea or theme of this history?
Write an explanation—support your idea with examples from the history.

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EXPAND THINKING: Dramatists Communicate Themes Vividly

Describe persons (e.g.	., their traits, mo	tivations, or	r feelings) and	d explain ho	w their actions	contribute to the
sequence of events. (Common Core	3 rd grade lite	erature standa	ard 3)		

Situation:						
Who's involved?						
Who	Trait	Action	Motive			
What happened-	—the event (in history)	or plot (in a story)				
How it starts:						
What happens n	ext?					
How it ends						
Write a drama ba	ased on the situation.					
What's the them	e of your play? What	lesson can people learn	from it?			
Write what each	person might say.					



Think BIG

Common Core Anchor Reading Standard 2. **Determine central ideas or themes** of a text and **analyze** their **development**; **summarize** the **key supporting details** and **ideas**.

BIG IDEA:						
Important Words						
Important Information						
Show your idea here in a drawing or graphic organizer.						

Write a caption.