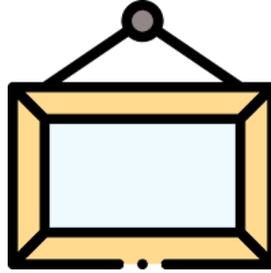


## Creation 4 – Narrative Frames

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** To help you develop a range of techniques for teaching writing you will create an original sample writing activity each week. This week you will focus on techniques related to artistic expression through writing. Read the informative section below then follow instructions to complete the rest of the worksheet.



**Information:** Beginning writers have a hard time thinking of ideas to share and also connecting their ideas to form coherent, cohesive texts. One way we can help them is to provide them with a structure that helps them connect their ideas and that also prompts them to include different kinds of information. These structures are called narrative frames or sentence frames. A great way to introduce them is to show students a sample text to read. Then give them a narrative frame that follows a similar structure in which they can express their own ideas and write a similar text. The great thing about narrative frames is that they are easy to create and they can be personalized to fit students’ interests and also require them to use certain structures that you have taught.

### Sample Paragraph Frames

<p><b>1. My Favorite Dinner</b>                  If I could have my favorite dinner, these are the foods I would pick. First, I would pick _____ because _____.                  Next, I would also select _____.                  I also like _____ because _____.                  I would be thrilled to have this dinner.</p>	<p><b>2. The Perfect Outfit</b>                  If I could pick the perfect outfit, it would include these things. First of all, my outfit would include _____.                  Equally important, I would wear _____ because _____.                  _____ Finally, I would add _____ to my outfit. I will look terrific in this outfit.</p>
<p><b>8. Improve our World</b>                  These are three things that people could do to improve our world. To begin people could _____                  People could also _____                  Finally, to make the world better, people could _____                  _____                  _____</p>	<p><b>10. Lost Pet</b>                  If you lost your dog or cat, you could try these things. First, you could _____                  Second, you could _____                  This might help because _____                  Third, you could also _____.</p>

I got these samples from the first resource below. Feel free to check out these links to get more ideas.

- <https://www.wcde.org/cms/lib/TN02209007/Centricity/Domain/63/paragraph-frames.doc>
- [https://msurteaga.weebly.com/uploads/2/2/8/7/22879398/writing\\_frames.pdf](https://msurteaga.weebly.com/uploads/2/2/8/7/22879398/writing_frames.pdf)
- <https://www.uen.org/literacyresources/downloads/Paragraph-Frames-Archer.doc>

**Instructions:** Now it’s your turn to create an original Narrative Frame Task. Remember the purpose of this kind of activity is to help your students structure their writing and express their own ideas. Complete the required information in the section below. Please note, you can use published materials for inspiration but be sure that the sample activity you submit is 100% your own work. No plagiarism will be accepted.

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**Title:** Narrative Frames

**Description:** 75-100 word description of the strategy of Narrative Frames in your own words.

*Narrative Frames tasks involve...*

**Original Example Activity:** An original student created example of a Narrative Frame task. Include everything you would need to give students in order to successfully complete the task including the instructions, prompts, materials, and texts.

**Instructions:**

**Sample Student Response:** Write a sample response to your example activity that represents what a student might write.

**Instructions:**

**Analysis & Reaction:** 75-100 word personal response to the following questions.

<b>What are the strengths of this activity type for students?</b>	<b>What are the (potential) challenges of this activity type for students and teachers?</b>
<i>Narrative Frames tasks can be a helpful way for students to learn to write because...</i>	<i>Some of the challenges involved in using Narrative Frames tasks are... because...</i>