

Sample Lesson Plans

For Narrative Writing

Try a curated lesson plan to get a taste of how Mystery Writing builds students' skills and confidence with engaging lessons & activities.

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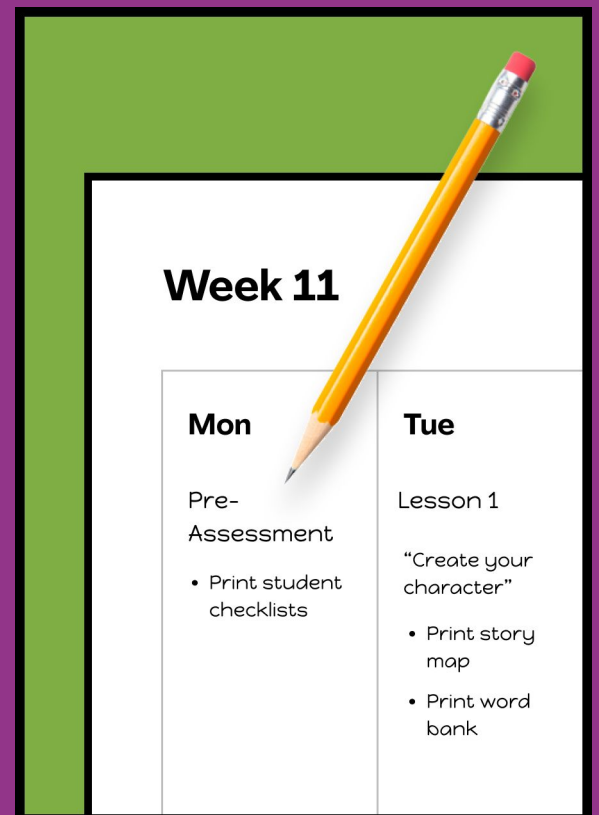
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Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Character Traits**

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Unit Pre-Assessment**

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Intro to Narrative Writing**

Genre Intro Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Narrative Unit:****Australian Adventures**

Genre Unit · 5 Lessons

Format: Introduction videos & writing activities**Length:** About 45 min per lesson or 1-2 weeks**Unit Post-Assessment**

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Simile Practice**

Practice Lesson

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 15 min or 1 session**The Unexpected Guest**

Independent Writing Prompt

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 15 min or 1 session**Setting Writing Goals**

Writing Community Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions

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Personification

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Revising Words

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Unit Pre-Assessment

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Intro to Narrative Writing

Genre Intro Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Narrative Unit:

Amusement Park

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Format: Introduction videos & writing activities

Length: About 45 min per lesson or 1-2 weeks

Unit Post-Assessment

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Personification Practice

Practice Lesson

Format: Video prompt & independent writing

Length: 15 min or 1 session

Sensational Smells

Independent Writing Prompt

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 15 min or 1 session

Setting Writing Goals

Writing Community Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

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Adding Details

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Hyperbole**

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Elaborating with Feelings**

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Unit Pre-Assessment**

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Intro to Narrative Writing**

Genre Intro Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Narrative Unit:****Constellation Stories**

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Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 30 min or 1-2 sessions**Adding Details Practice**

Practice Lesson

Format: Video prompt & independent writing**Length:** 15 min or 1 session**The Backpack Monster**

Independent Writing Prompt

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing**Length:** 15 min or 1 session

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Partnering

Writing Community Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Onomatopoeia

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Using And

Essential Skill Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Unit Pre-Assessment

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Narrative Unit:

Campsite Bandit

Genre Unit · 5 Lessons

Format: Introduction videos & writing activities

Length: About 40 min per lesson or 1-2 weeks

Unit Post-Assessment

Assessment

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions

Onomatopoeia Practice

Practice Lesson

Format: Video prompt & independent writing

Length: 15 min or 1 session

Make a Monster!

Independent Writing Prompt

Format: Writing prompt & independent writing

Length: 15 min or 1 session

Setting Writing Goals

Writing Community Lesson

Format: Introduction video & writing activity

Length: 30 min or 1-2 sessions