



Introduction to Narrative Writing

Welcome to the world of narrative writing! In this activity sheet, we will explore the basics of narrative writing using the poignant and thought-provoking story "The Heart and the Bottle" by Oliver Jeffers.

Narrative writing is a type of writing that tells a story. It can be fiction or non-fiction, and it can be written in various styles and formats. The key elements of narrative writing include:

- Character: The people or animals in the story
- Setting: The time and place in which the story takes place
- Plot: The sequence of events that make up the story
- Theme: The underlying message or idea that the story conveys

The Heart and the Bottle: A Catalyst for Narrative Writing

"The Heart and the Bottle" is a story about a young girl who experiences a profound loss and learns to cope with her emotions. The story is a powerful exploration of themes such as love, loss, and self-discovery.

Through this story, students will learn to analyze and understand the key elements of narrative writing. The story will serve as a catalyst for introducing 11-year-old students to the world of narrative writing.

Differentiated Activities for Mixed-Ability Groups

To cater to mixed-ability groups, we have included a range of activities that accommodate different learning styles and abilities. These activities include:

- Visual activities for students who are more visually inclined
- Writing activities for students who prefer written expression
- Discussion activities for students who enjoy sharing their thoughts and ideas

Activity 1: Narrative Mapping

Create a visual map of the narrative structure of "The Heart and the Bottle". Identify the key elements of the story, including character, setting, plot, and theme. Use arrows and symbols to show how the events in the story are connected.

Activity 2: Character Insight

Choose a character from "The Heart and the Bottle" and create a character profile. Include details such as the character's motivations, feelings, and actions. Use quotes from the story to support your analysis.

Activity 3: Story Sequencing

Put the events of "The Heart and the Bottle" in order. Use transitional words and phrases to connect the events. Write a short paragraph summarizing the story.

Activity 4: Creative Writing Workshop

Write a short story inspired by "The Heart and the Bottle". Use descriptive language to bring your story to life. Share your story with a partner or the class.

Conclusion

In conclusion, narrative writing is a powerful tool for self-expression and communication. Through the story "The Heart and the Bottle," students have learned to analyze and understand the key elements of narrative writing.

The differentiated activities included in this activity sheet cater to mixed-ability groups, ensuring that all students can participate and learn. We hope that this activity sheet has inspired you to explore the world of narrative writing and to continue developing your writing skills.

Individual Reflection:

1. What was the most surprising thing you learned about narrative writing?

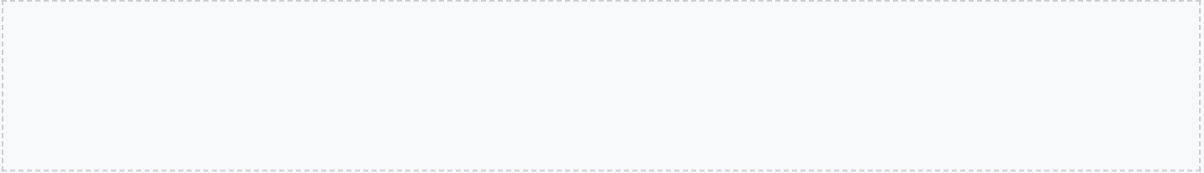
2. How will this learning change your approach to writing in the future?

3. What questions do you still have about narrative writing?

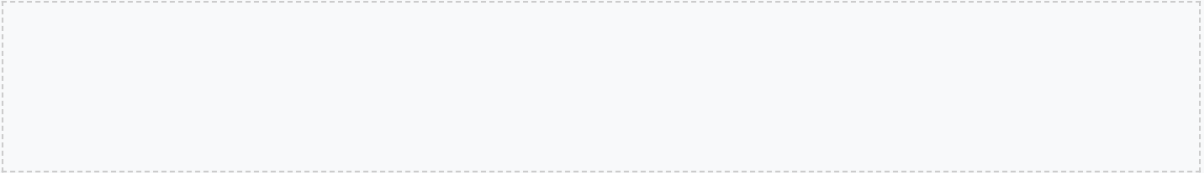
Assessment Component

Please complete the following tasks to demonstrate your understanding of narrative writing:

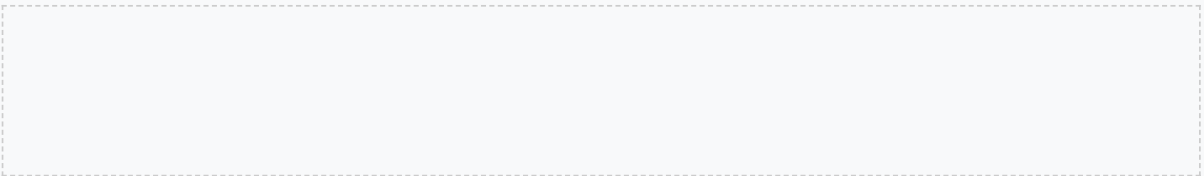
1. Write a short story using the key elements of narrative writing (character, setting, plot, and theme)



2. Create a visual map of the narrative structure of a story of your choice



3. Write a character profile of a character from a story of your choice



Teacher Notes and Guidance

The following notes and guidance are provided to support teachers in delivering this activity sheet:

- Encourage students to use descriptive language in their writing
- Provide feedback on students' work, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement
- Encourage students to share their work with the class and provide opportunities for peer feedback

