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Lesson Plan Activity



Are 100 Words Enough?

Materials

- List of Story Ideas (attached)
- Graphic organizer (attached)
- Internet
- pen/paper
- Timer/stopwatch

Standards

- **Next Generation ELA Learning Standards:** 9-10R1, 11-12R1, 9-10R4, 11-12R4, 9-10W2, 11-12W2, 9-10W3, 11-12W3, 9-10W5, 11-12W5, 9-10W6, 11-12W6, 9-10SL1, 11-12SL1, 9-10L5, 11-12L5, 9-10L6, 11-12L6

Procedure

- Engage students by showing them the list of 10 Possible Story Ideas and then allow them to read them and begin brainstorming out loud.
- Let 1-2 students share a personal story that relates to them.
- As they begin to tell their story, tell them that they have 45 seconds to tell their story.
- Have a timer out and start it as soon as they begin. Cut them off at the 45 second mark and allow the next student to tell their story.
- Explain to the students that when writing a resume you are only given a certain amount of space to highlight your strengths and skills, so this activity pushes students to use descriptive words to limit word count.



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- Introduce graphic organizer to assist in the writing process
- Students will utilize the graphic organizer to write a coherent and accurate short story in 100 words or less.

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Directions: Write a coherent and accurate response to one(1) of the short story topics from the list below. The story **MUST** be 100 words **OR LESS**

Please choose a short story topic from the list below:

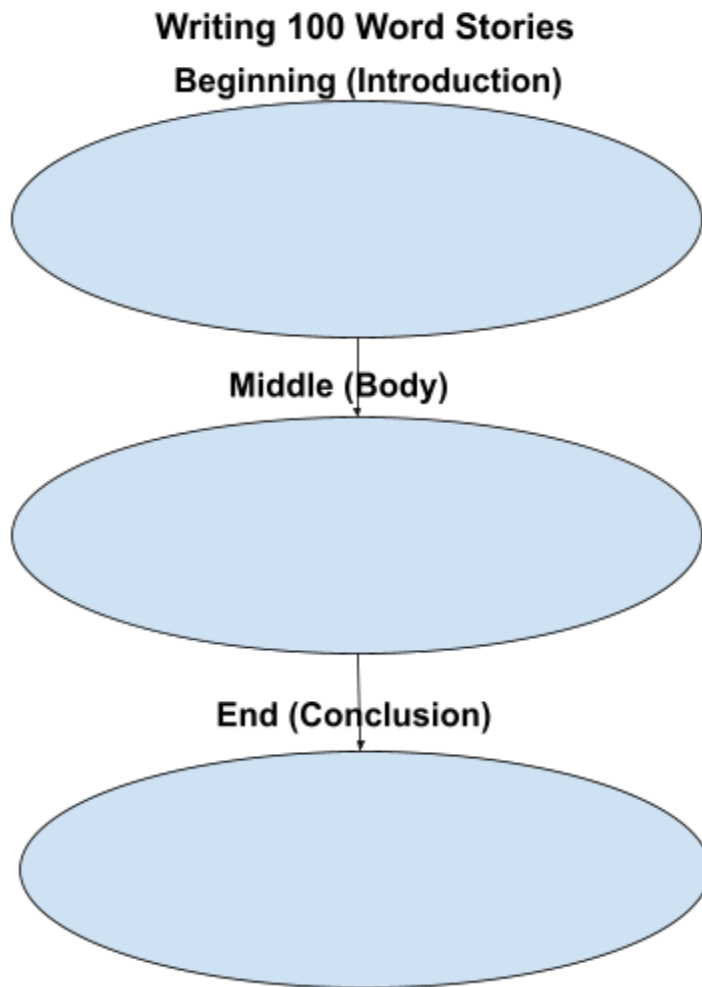
10 Possible Story Ideas
1. Tell the story of a scar.
2. A group of children discover a corpse in the woods.
3. A young prodigy becomes orphaned.
4. A group of children discover a ghost.
5. A long journey is interrupted by disaster.
6. If you had \$1000, what would you buy and why?
7. Write about what it would be like if you had an alligator as a pet.
8. Which is better, winter or summer? Write about the reasons why you think winter or summer is better.
9. If you could have any secret super power, what would you want it to be and why?
10. Write about 3 places you would like to travel someday. What do these three places have in common?



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Graphic organizer to be used to arrange your thoughts and ideas for the short story.





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