

Lesson 1: Write Your Own Story Book

ELA • Writing Workshop

Kick off a joyful writing routine using prompts, comic strips, and guided pages that move kids from ideas to drafts to published pieces. This lesson encourages imagination, sequencing, and creative self-expression.

Learning Objectives

- Generate ideas using picture prompts and sentence starters.
- Plan a beginning–middle–end using story frames or panels.
- Draft a short narrative with clear sentences and descriptive details.
- Revise using a kid-friendly checklist and publish a final page.

Materials Needed

- Write Your Own Story Book (one per learner)
- Pencils, erasers, and colored pencils
- Timer (10–15 minute sprints)
- Optional: stickers and highlighters for revisions

Lesson Steps

- 1 Warm-Up: Discuss what makes a story exciting and memorable.
- 2 Model how to plan a story using the beginning, middle, and end structure.
- 3 Guide students to fill out their story planners and discuss their ideas.
- 4 Allow students to write independently using sentence stems and creative prompts.
- 5 Conclude with a brief share session to highlight strong story elements.

Differentiation

- Emerging writers: Dictate or draw ideas before writing.
- On-level: Write 6–8 sentences and include transition words.
- Advanced: Add dialogue and revise with feedback from peers.

Assessment & Reflection

- Use a 1–4 rubric for focus, organization, conventions, and details.
- Exit ticket: 'One revision I made was...' or 'My favorite part is...'

- Add finished work to an Author Portfolio binder.

Extensions

- Compile stories into a class anthology PDF.
- Create a 4-panel comic version of the story.
- Record an audio version to share with family.

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