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World of Sports StoryBuilders

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For all ages.

INCLUDES

- 1 deck (192) World of Sports StoryBuilders cards, black print
- 1 deck (192) World of Sports StoryBuilders cards, colored print
- Blank cards for creating your own
- Instructions and Ideas

ABOUT STORYBUILDERS

What's this? A competitive skateboarder falls down a rocky path? An awkward gymnast breaks a record? A disrespectful hockey player learns a lesson at the neighborhood ice rink? What kid wouldn't love to write a story filled with such spirit or drama?

WriteShop® StoryBuilders card decks help to jumpstart a creative writing project by providing students with the basic elements of a story—character, character trait, setting, and plot—laying a foundation for a joyful writing experience with some clever surprises thrown in along the way.

StoryBuilders may be used by students of all ages, from kindergarten through high school. Using the StoryBuilder Cards, they'll develop their tales by picking one card from each category. Does the hero save the day? Will the notorious bad guy learn a lesson? And what twists and turns appear in the character's path? A dropped ball? A bully? An embarrassing mistake?

Break up your routine or add punch and variety to writing lessons by offering StoryBuilders occasionally. Use them in addition to or instead of a daily writing activity. At first, to help your student write concisely, limit her to a specific number of sentences or paragraphs. As she improves (or if she thrives on writing creative fiction), allow her to compose longer, more thoroughly developed stories. And with hundreds of possible story combinations, no two will be alike!

Tip: Because story writing lends itself to dialogue, review the basics of writing dialogue with your students. A good English handbook will help.

1. PREPARE THE CARDS

PRINT – This set contains two identical decks of printable cards from which to choose.

- Option 1: Print with Black Ink on Colored Paper
 - o Print black-text cards (pp. 5-32).
 - Print each category of cards on a different color of paper. Card stock makes for sturdier cards than regular copy paper. These colors are merely suggestions.

Card CategoryPaper ColorCharacter CardsBlue paperCharacter Trait CardsYellow paperSetting CardsGreen paperPlot CardsLavender paper

• Option 2: Print with Colored Ink on White Paper

- o Print colored-text cards (pp. 33-60).
- Print all cards on white card stock or copy paper.

CUT – Cut cards along dotted lines.

STORE – Choose a storage option.

- Keep cards in separate zip-top sandwich bags, one for Characters, one for Character Traits, one for Settings, and one for Plots; or
- · Store cards in a small file box, separating them by category; or
- Store each category of card in its own little jar.

2. CHOOSE STORY ELEMENTS

Students can use various methods for choosing one of each card. Then, based on the cards selected, they will construct a story, whether fanciful, funny, or serious.

For example, a student might draw randomly, resulting in a silly mix of cards (a snowboarder in a tropical paradise who trips over a coconut). Or she might purposefully choose the elements for her story (a soccer player at a sports camp who must make a hard decision).

Here are three ways students can pick their cards:

- Blind Pick: Draw one card from each category. No peeking allowed!
- Roll the Die:
 - 1. Make 4 stacks of cards on the table, one stack for each category, with 6 cards in each stack.
 - 2. First, the student picks a character card by rolling the die. If he rolls a five, he must draw the fifth card in the stack. This becomes his story's main character.
 - 3. Repeat to pick trait, setting, and plot.
- You Decide: Let the student choose the character, character trait, setting, and plot that he wants to write about.

3. WRITE

Once the student has drawn or selected four cards, he may begin to write his story. Here are ideas for using WriteShop StoryBuilder activities::

- Pick-a-Plot: Let the student draw a new card if a plot or problem seems too outrageous for the character
- Add-a-Card: If the student wants his story to take a different turn, he may draw one or more new cards to add another character, perhaps, or introduce a twist to the plot.

Daily Timed Writing

- 1. Each student chooses four cards.
- 2. Set the timer for 5, 10, or 15 minutes.
- 3. Students write till the timer goes off, stopping mid-sentence if need be.
- 4. Daily (or less often), set the timer and let them continue with their stories.
 - Optional: Do the Add-a-Card activity every day.
- 5. On the last day of the week, students must wrap up their tales with a conclusion.
- Poetry Fun: Instead of writing a story, students can compose a short poem.
- Round Robin: A "Round Robin" is a good activity for a group of students or siblings to practice narrative or imaginative story writing. Teach them that even though they may have fun with a topic, they must always remain gracious. Stories may be humorous but not crude, realistic but not graphic.
 - 1. Each student picks 4 StoryBuilder cards (1 card from each category).
 - 2. Set the timer for 2-3 minutes and let them write.
 - 3. When the bell rings, pencils must be set down (students may finish the word but not the sentence).
 - 4. Students then pass their papers to the person on the left.
 - 5. Set the timer again and tell students to add to the story that's before them.
 - 6. They will continue exchanging papers every 2-3 minutes for as many rounds as you decide (4-6 rounds work well).
 - 7. Before they begin writing during the last round, inform them that they must now write a conclusion.
 - 8. Instruct students to print or write neatly and legibly, since others must read their work. If younger and older students are writing together, you may need to have everyone print rather than use cursive.
- **Travel Game:** Take your StoryBuilder deck with you on a road trip or vacation. Your family can make up stories orally, in Round Robin fashion.

If you have a pre-writer, consider doing one of these activities orally with her:

- Narration: Have your child narrate her story to you.
 - 1. You write it down as she dictates.

- 2. Stop and read what you've written after every sentence or two. Reviewing the story with the child helps her remember what she has already said, which keeps her more focused.
- **Tape Recorder**: Have your child dictate into a tape recorder.

4. EDITING AND GRADING

Though most parents use WriteShop StoryBuilders for fun, you may certainly require editing and revising with the goal of giving a grade. But don't be afraid to just let your kids write for pure enjoyment, leaving writing lessons, history reports, and other assigned compositions for teaching writing skills.

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Color-Print Cards

In addition to the complete set of black-and-white print cards, the StoryBuilders card deck includes a duplicate set of color-print cards for printing on white card stock.

The following pages contain the complete set of color-print cards.

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