

Before the Writing Begins: Teacher Prep Guide

To give your students the best experience as authors, follow these simple steps to "bolt on" your class theme to this project.

Step 1: Define Your "North Star" Theme

Decide on the topic your students will write about. This could be anything you are currently teaching!

- Examples: *Life on a Farm, The Solar System, Exploring the Arctic, or Our Community Heroes.*

Step 2: Prepare Your Prompts

Choose the option that works best for your classroom flow today:

Option A (The Custom Print-Out):

Open the Prompt Sheet template. Type specific prompts based on your theme into the boxes. Print the sheet and hand it out; students will cut out their favorite and glue it to their Brainstorm Sheet.

Option B (The Whiteboard Method):

Write 3-6 story prompts on your whiteboard. Give students the Brainstorm Sheet and have them manually write their favorite prompt into the box that says "Write your own prompt here."

[Our Theme] Writing Project - Narrative		
The New Arrival A character arrives at the [Topic/Location] for the first time. What is the first thing they see?	The Great Discovery There is a problem at the [Topic/Location]. How does your hero use their skills to solve it?	The Helping Hand While exploring [Topic/Location], your character finds a mysterious [Object]. What happens next?
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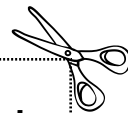
Step 3: Print and Organize

Once your prompts are ready, print enough copies so every student can choose one.

Teacher Pro-Tip: Looking for inspiration on how long a prompt should be? Check out the Kindness Monsters Example Sheet in your resource folder to see how simple, 2-sentence prompts can spark huge imagination!

Class writing Theme: _____

(Write your theme here so you can refer back to it during the lesson!)



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