



Before You Teach

How Is Our Resource Organized?



Our Interactive Whiteboard Digital Lessons contain 6 Chapters of engaging, easy-to-use activities that interact with students as they learn. Our Digital Lesson contains one section with six chapters. Within each chapter, there are Reading Passages, along with BEFORE YOU READ and AFTER YOU READ activities.



The **BEFORE YOU READ** activities prepare students for reading by setting a purpose for reading. They stimulate background knowledge and experience, and guide students to make connections between what they know and what they will learn. Important concepts and vocabulary from the reading passage are presented in a new interactive way that will engage students.

The **AFTER YOU READ** activities check students' comprehension of the concepts presented in the reading passage and extend their learning. Students are asked a series of short answer and open discussion questions designed to encourage critical thought.

The **Reading Passages** contain a vocabulary list in the form of flash cards, followed by the reading material for that section. Click on a word to flip the card over to reveal the definition. Each Reading Passage contains a **WRITING WATCHDOG** prompt, where students will come up to the board and read a helpful hint about the subject matter from the Writing Watchdog. An interactive Graphic Organizer reading passage is also included, where teachers and students can use the interactive pen to complete the G.O. An additional interactive activity is also available in the Reading Passages, encouraging students to come to the board and complete a task. Click on an image to enlarge it or reduce its size. Printable PDF files of the Reading Passages and Graphic Organizers are included for each Digital Lesson so that students have the option to read along at their desk.

The navigation is designed to make moving through the book simple and hassle-free. Each page contains a **MENU** and **CONTENTS** icon that will take you directly back to each page. You can start off at the Menu page and jump to either the PDF Printables, the Assessment Rubric, or go directly to the Student Activities. While at the Contents, you can click on any chapter and go directly to the Before You Read section

of that individual lesson. Navigate through the **BEFORE YOU READ** and **AFTER YOU READ** sections by clicking on the number of the page you want in the top right corner. Scroll down in the Reading Passage to reveal its content. Or simply navigate with the accompanied arrow icons to scroll through the lessons one page at a time.

The **Assessment Rubric** is a useful tool for evaluating students' responses to many of the activities in our resource. A **Comprehension Quiz** is available for SMART Notebook™ users and can be used for either a follow-up review or assessment at the completion of each unit.

For ease of navigation, at a glance, our resource contains three main sections, including a Teacher section, a Student section, and a Printable section. A **Picture Cue** at the top of each page identifies what section you are in.



Teacher Guide

- Information and tools for the teacher



Student Handouts

- Interactive worksheets and activities



Printables

- Printable PDF versions of selected content

Interactive Content!

Vocabulary Flash Cards

Reading Passages

Before and After You Read Activities



Contents



How to Write an Essay

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Extension Activities

- Memory Match Game
- Crossword
- Word Search



Reading Passage

How to Write an Essay What Is an Essay?

Just as a paragraph is a collection of sentences about the same topic, an **essay** is a collection of paragraphs that are all related to the same topic. For your grade level, most essays have five paragraphs which are organized this way:

continue reading →



The Writing Watch Dog says...
(touch the image to enlarge)

Parts of an Essay

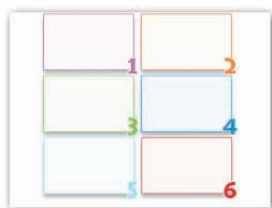
How to Write an Essay contains 6 chapters, each with its own Reading Passage. Every Reading Passage contains a Writing Watch Dog prompt that provides a hint to help students comprehend what they have read so far.



Using Graphic Organizers with Narrative Essays

Two very good graphic organizers to use during the prewriting stage for a narrative essay are the **Storyboard** and the **Skeleton Plan**. There are several good graphic organizers to help you with sequential order as you write your narrative essay. A **Timeline** Graphic Organizer and a **Hierarchy Chart** are two very good ones.

Graphic Organizers for Narrative Essays



Storyboard



Skeleton Plan



Hierarchy Chart

(Touch a G.O. for the definition, and to use your Interactive Pen. Touch again to return.)

Following every Reading Passage is an additional Graphic Organizer Reading Passage. This short reading passage provides a variety of good Graphic Organizers to supplement the topic.



Vocabulary - touch the card to reveal the definition

Descriptive

Objective
Providing detailed
information on the physical
details of something

Impressionistic

Taken from the
author's point of
view or impression

Subjective

Providing the author's
likes, dislikes, and feelings
about something

Adjectives

**Preceding every Reading Passage
are Vocabulary Flash Cards.
Students can learn the definitions
of words found in the upcoming
Reading Passage by touching the card
to reveal the definition.**



After You Read



How to Write an Essay
Proofreading Your Essay

1 2 3 4 5

Touch the correct word for each sentence.

- ✓ 4) (Whose) (Who's) at the door?
- ✓ 5) She (couldnt) (couldn't) hear her (children's) (childrens) cries for help.
- ✓ 6) The (woman's) (womans') coats hung in the hall closet
- ✓ 7) I (won't) (wont) know about my grade until the mail comes.

WELL DONE!

Reset


**Included in every chapter are
Before You Read and After You Read
questions. These are in the form of
True or False, Multiple Choice,
Open Discussion, Number Ordering,
and Drag and Drop questions.**

Narrative Essay Storyboard


1  **Swimming**

2  **Eating**


3  **Cooks**


4  **Play**

5  softball all summer long. At night, we **(verb)**

6  the rides. Summer is also the best time for **(verb)**.

Verbs

✓  **Traveling**

✓  **Ride**

✓

✓

My favorite summer activity is **swimming**. In the summer, I enjoy **eating** the food my parent **cooks**. My friends and I **play** softball all summer long.

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Narrative Essay Storyboard is one of the additional comprehensive Interactive Activities included in the How to Write an Essay Digital Lesson Plan. For this colorful and animated activity, students will complete the story by dragging the verbs represented by images from the right column to the storyboard.