

## 6 Trait Mini-Lessons - Organization

### *List Writing:*

- To-do lists
- Shopping lists - model & encourage categorization (frozen items, fruits, etc.)
- Sequence lists (getting ready for school)
- All about lists (cats, toys, etc.)
- Noun, Verbs, Adjectives...

*Pre-writing: (Model & remind students to use their prewriting lists/organizers while drafting. Link to shopping list: We don't go shopping without our list...we'll buy extras and forget essentials!!!)*

- Grocery/shopping list details - model & encourage categorization (frozen items, fruits, etc.)
- BME graphic organizer
- Sticky note brainstorm (organize sticky notes into categories)
- T-Chart
- Venn diagram
- Outlining
- Notetaking (organize notes)

### *Organizational Structure:*

- Arrange information by order of importance
- Topic sentence/supporting details
- Use of headings/subheadings
- Sequence of events/chronological order:
  - Mix It Up p. 94 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham
  - Putting It In Order p. 94 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham
  - Step by Step p. 94 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham
- Comparison organization- compare/contrast
- Question and answer organization
- Problem-solution organization

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- Flashback-foreshadow organization
- Letter structure (invitation, friendly, thank you note, business, persuasive)
- Poem structure (haiku, concrete, list, acrostic, cinquain, limerick)

### *Pacing:*

- Ten Minutes Only p. 94 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham
- Give Evidence p. 94-95 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham
- Outline Your Story p. 95-96 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and up by Ruth Culham

### *Titles:*

- Purpose of a title
- Types of titles
  - Character titles
  - Action titles
  - One-word titles
  - Line from the writing titles
  - Setting titles
  - Object titles
  - Question titles
  - Main idea titles

### *Introductions/Beginnings:*

- Hooking the reader
- Ring of Leads p. 119-121 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- My Life Story p. 121 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Getting Hooked p. 121 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- What I Saw on My African Safari p. 122 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Types of beginnings:
  - Question

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- Sound effect
- Action
- Question
- Descriptive
- Feeling
- Fact
- Thesis statement

### *Mighty Middles:*

- Shopping Spree p. 123-124 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Back Atcha p. 124 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Cut it Out p. 124 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- It's Your Life p. 124 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham

### *Conclusions/Endings:*

- Purpose of an ending
- Endings that Work p. 126-127 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Knot Just an Ending p. 127 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Zoom In and Zoom Out p. 128 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Types of endings:
  - A Wise Thought ending
  - Repeat ending
  - Summary/tie-up ending "That day was the most..."
  - Feeling ending
  - What I learned ending
  - Question ending
  - Clincher/surprise ending
  - A sign of what's to come "I knew that a day would come when..."
  - Take-action ending

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- So what's the good news?
- So what? Who cares?
- Quote

### Transitions:

- Show location (before, above, in front of, etc.)
- Time order words
- Transition phrases (later that day, after dinner)
- Transition sentences
- Recurring line/detail
- Comparison (similarly, however, conversely, even though, etc.)
- To conclude/summarize (finally, to sum up, in summary, etc.)
- To add information (in addition to, furthermore, besides, etc.)