

TEACHING THE TRAITS WITH PICTURE BOOKS

- *Questions that Emphasize the 6 Traits
- *Books that Model the 6 Traits
- *Books that Spark an Idea for Writing

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Ideas & Details

- Look what the author chose to do with his idea.
- Look closely at this illustration. What kinds of details are included?

Organization

- What do you notice about how this book is organized?
- What happens at the end of this story? Did the ending surprise you or did the author give you clues along the way?
- How did the author begin the story? What happens in the middle of the story? How did the author choose to end the story?
- Is this the end of the story? Why or why not?
- What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?

Word Choice

- Close your eyes and put a picture in your mind while I read this sentence again. Doesn't the author do a wonderful job of painting a picture with words? Are there some words in this sentence that you especially like?
- Listen to the words the author chose to use right here.
- The author used these words; what words might you use?
- Notice how the author used the word _____ instead of _____.
(e.g., *shrieked* instead of *said*, *huge* instead of *big*)

Voice

- Can't you just hear the character talking?
- How does this character feel right now? How does the author help you know that?
- How does the author want you to feel right now? How do you know?

Fluency

- Listen to this sentence again. Doesn't it sound wonderful?
- Read this sentence with me. Hear how it flows as you say it.
- Notice how some of the sentences are long and stretchy while some are very short.

Conventions

- Look at this end mark. What does that tell us about how the author wants us to read this sentence?
- This word starts with a capital letter. Why is that?
- Look at these marks. They're called quotation marks. The author used them to show us that someone is talking. Who's talking right here?

IDEAS

All the Places to Love
Alphabet City
The Always Prayer Shawl
Amelia's Notebook
Antics!
The Armadillo From Amarillo
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky
Benito's Dream Bottle
A Child's Portrait of Shakespeare
Day of the Dead
Dear Mr. Blueberry
The Dragon and the Unicorn
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder
Everybody Needs a Rock
Fables
Flute's Journey: The Life of a Wood Thrush
Go Home, River
Grasper
Great Crystal Bear
Home
Home Place
I Am the Dog/I Am the Cat
I Hate to Read
I Know What You Do When I Go To School
I'm in Charge of Celebrations
Jumanji
Kofi and His Magic
Letters From Felix
Li'l Sis and Uncle Willie

Lightning
Macbeth for Kids
The Magic School Bus: At the Waterworks
Miss Nelson Is Back
Miss Rumphius
Mississippi Beau
Motel of the Mysteries
Nurse Lugton's Curtain
On the Day You Were Born
The Other Way to Listen
Panther Dream: A Story of the African Rain Forest
Ragtime Tumpie
Roxaboxen
Sitti's Secret
Sophie and Lou
The Squiggle
The Story of Ruby Bridges
A Street Called Home
A Sweet, Sweet, Basket
Tomorrow's Alphabet
Tree of Life: The World of the African Baob
Twelfth Night for Kids
Verdi
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge

Resource:
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ORGANIZATION

Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One

Big & Little

Black & White

A Chair for My Mother

Charlie Anderson

Chattanooga Sludge

Clown

The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish

The Favershams

The Flag We Love

The Frog Princess

The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher

How to Get Famous in Brooklyn

How to Think Like a Scientist

It Could Always Be Worse

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

Jack's Tale

Josefina

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Just Another Day

Kisses From Rosa

The Legend of the Blue Bonnet: An Old Tale of Texas

The Little House: Her Story

Long Live Music

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

Mouse Around

My Ol' Man

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick

The Old Dog

Old Henry

Rezoom

Rotten Ralph

The Seasons Sewn

The Seven Silly Eaters

The Snowman

The Tortilla Factory

Tough Boris

Tuesday

Twilight Comes Twice

Two Bad Ants

Under the Sea from A to Z

What do Authors Do?

Zoom

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VOICE

Amber on the Mountain
An Angel for Solomon Singer
Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair
The Beanstalk Incident
Benjamin Brody's Backyard Bag
Between Earth and Sky
The Block
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message from Chief Seattle
The Carousel
Caves
Daddy, Daddy, Be There
Dear Children of the Earth
December
Earthdance
The Ever-Living Tree: Life and times of a Coast Redwood
Fly Away Home
The Frog Prince, Continued
The Gift of the Sacred Dog
Going Home
Hey world, Here I Am!
I Dream of Peace: Images of War By Children of Former
Yugoslavia
Kate Shelly: Bound for Legend
Koko's Kitten
The Ledgerbook of Thomas Blue Eagle
Life Doesn't Frighten Me
Math Curse
More Than Anything Else

Mrs. Kate and Tush
My House Has Stars
Out of the Ark: Stories From the World's Great Religions
The Paper Bag Princess
Pink and Say
Purr... Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Cats
Reach for the Moon
Sadako
Sleeping Ugly
The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales
Sweet Words So Brave
Tar Beach
The Teacher from the Black Lagoon
This Land is My Land
The Twits
The Wall
Way Home
We are all in the Dumps With Jack and Guy
What You Know First
White Socks Only
Whoever You Are
Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story From China

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WORD CHOICE

The Amazing Pop-Up Grammar Book
Amos and Boris
Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions
Brave Irene
Caleb and Kate
Double Trouble in Walla Walla
The Dreamer
Earth: The Elements
Feathers and Fools
Have You Seen Trees?
Hiroshima No Pika
I Love You the Purplest
Jazz. My music, My People
The Lotus Seed
The Magic Fan
Many Luscious Lollipops
A Midsummer Night's Dream
My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch
The Old Man and His Door
The Old Woman Who Named Things
Pictures in the Fire
Possum Magic
Shriek!
Solomon: The Rusty Nail
Sports Pages
The Storm
Storm Boy
To Hell With Dying
Voices of the Heart
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman
Yo! Yes?

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SENTENCE FLUENCY

Alexander Y El Dia Terrible, Horrible, Espantoso Horroroso

Celebrate America in Poetry and Art

Consider the Lemming

Dogteam

The Ghost Dance

The Great Migration: An American Story

Hairs & Pelitos

Harlem

Heartland

Hoops

I Live in Music

If I Were in Charge of the World, and Other Worries

Isia

My Mama Had a Dancing Heart

My Mama Says There Aren't Any Zombies, Ghosts, Vampires

My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken and Me

Nappy Hair

A River Dream

The Sign of the Seahorse

Slugs

The Table Where Rich People Sit

Time for Bed

A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for the Innocent and Experienced Travelers

Wombat Divine

Work Song

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Books That Spark an Idea

BOOKS TO GET THE WORKSHOP STARTED

- Arthur Writes a Story* by Marc Brown
-Writing my own story
- Ahmed's Secret* by Florence Perry Heide and Judity Heide
-What I want to learn this year
- Night Driving* by John Coy
-What I did over the summer
- Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester
-An embarrassing time
- The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper
-Something you did that you didn't think you could do
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
-A bad day
- Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes
-Don't like your name (or other attribute)
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
-Note writing
- The Art Lesson* by Tomi de Paola
-Perseverance
- The Wednesday Surprise* by Eve Bunting
-Learning to read (transgenerational)
- David Goes to School* by David Shannon
-Going to school
- Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
-Going to a sleep-over
- The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
-Running away from home.
- Lon Po Po* by Ed Young
-"Home alone" or left somewhere
- Olivia* by Ian Falconer
-Writing about yourself (attributes)
- Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp* by Mercer Mayer
-Something you and/or a friend did.
- Oliver Button is a Sissy* by Tomi de Paola
-Being teased or bullied

BOOKS THAT HAVE STRONG LEADS

On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
My Dog Skip by Willie Morris
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate Di Camillo
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Fireflies by Julie Brinkloe
The Boys on the Tracks by Mara Leveritt
Three Days On a River in a Red Canoe by Vera B. Williams
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
Grand Canyon by Wendell Minor
The Bat Poet by Randall Jerrell
The Widow's Broom by Chris Van Allsburg
Tar Beach by Faith Ringold

BOOKS THAT HELP WITH BEGINNING, MIDDLE, AND ENDING

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Heckety Peg by Audrey Wood
Lon Po Po retold and illustrated by Ed Young
Billy Beg and His Bull retold by Ellin Greene
The Bravest Ever Bear by Allan Ahlberg and Paul Howard
-Elaboration
Pumpkin Heads by Wendell Minor
-Elaboration in the middle (expository text)
Time Flies by Eric Rohmann
-Wordless
The Gray Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher by Molly Bang
-Wordless
Tuesday by David Weisner
-Almost wordless
Good Dog, Carl by Alexandra Day
-All Carl the dog books are wordless
The Mightiest Heart by Lynn Cullen
The Village of Round and Square Houses by Ann Grifalconi
There's a Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer
**Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* retold by Alvin Schwartz
**Scary Stories 3: More Tales to Chill Your Bones* retold by Alvin Schwartz
**Five Funny Frights* by Judith Stamps

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MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Compiled by Vicki Altland, Conway School District, and Cynthia Higgins, Bryant School District. (2002).

-Mischief
No, David by David Shannon
 -Mischief
Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis
When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis
Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
 -Memories
Koala Lou by Mem Fox
 -A time you wanted something very badly
Possum Magic by Mem Fox
 -Something you wanted and it turned out not what you expected
Silver Packages by Cynthia Rylant
 -A special Christmas memory
A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote
When I Go Camping With Grandma by Marian Dane Bauer
 -Grandparents
The Raft by Jim LaMarche
One April Morning by Nancy Lamb and the Children of Oklahoma City
 -Dealing with difficult issues
Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie de Paola
Looking Back by Lois Lowry
 -Author's memoir
Firetalking by Patricia Polacco
 -Author's memoir
Up North at the Cabin by Martha Wilson Chall
The Bear That Heard Crying by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and Helen Kinsey
 -A family story
Zachary's Ball by Matt Tavares
 -A special time
The Days Before Now by Margaret Wise Brown adapted by Joan Blos
 -Author's memoir
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
 -A time you were scared
Walking the Log by Bessie Nickens
 -Something you like to do
Christmas in the Country by Cynthia Rylant
 -Christmas memories

BOOKS THAT HELP WITH SETTING

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
 -Using the five senses to describe the fair
Heartland by Diane Siebert
 -Exposition and poetry
When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant
 -Where they live and love
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Home: A Journey Through America edited and illustrated by Thomas Locker
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-From *My Antonia*
Homeplace by Crescent Dragonwagon
-Imagination/setting
The Seashore Book by Charlotte Zolotow

BOOKS THAT LEND THEMSELVES TO EXPOSITORY WRITING

PERSUASIVE:

A Home for Spooky by Gloria Rand
-Abandoning animals and pets
'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey
-Don't eat turkey
The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
-Is there a Santa?
Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus retold by Cyndy Szeekeres
-Is there a Santa?

DESCRIPTION:

Squirrels by Brian Wildsmith
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
Have You Seen Trees by JoAnne Oppenheim
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert

LISTS:

Tommy at the Grocery Store by Bill Grossman
Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

LETTERS/NOTES:

The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Dear Peter Rabbit by Alma Flora Ada
Yours Truly, Goldilocks by Leslie Tyron

DIARY ENTRIES:

Past and Present by Alison Adams
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic
A Gathering of Days by Joan Blos

RECIPES

The Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoberman
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

POETRY

Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neil
The Aliens Have Landed by Kenn Nesbitt

NONFICTION NARRATIVE

Sarah Morton's Day by Kate Waters
-Would you want to be a Pilgrim girl?

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Samuel Eaton's Day by Kate Waters

-Would you want to be a Pilgrim boy?

Everybody Needs a Rock by Byrd Baylor

-Collections