

Lesson plan

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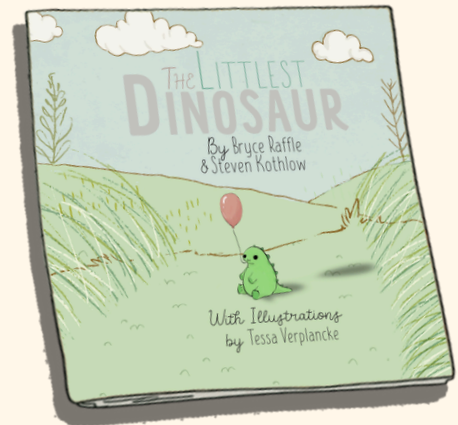
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Topic: Literature/Writing

Grade: 3-4

Objectives:

Students are able to understand the story and begin writing their own stories. They can understand the basics of creative writing and feel inspired to write creatively.



Time:

2 lessons (30-45 minutes each)

Materials:

- The Littlest Dinosaur (book)
- Creative Writing Worksheet
- Blank pages
- Stapler

Procedure

1. Read The Littlest Dinosaur. Discuss the story. What did the students like about it? What was the problem Ty the Tyrannosaur needed to solve?
2. Introduce creative writing topics. Work through the creative writing worksheet. If not complete, students can complete as homework or complete in the next lesson.
3. Students create a dummy book using blank pages stapled into a book format. Students can then begin writing their story, using the worksheet as a guideline.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHEET

BY **BRUCE RAFFLE & STEVEN KOTHLOW**

For Grades 3–4

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS A PICTURE BOOK?

A picture book is a book, typically written for children, with illustrations on many of the pages. Picture books are typically about 32 pages long and do not have chapters like chapter books.

WHY SHOULD I WRITE A PICTURE BOOK?

First, because it can be a lot of fun to use your imagination, to come up with your own characters and stories, and draw pictures to go with it! Second, it's a great way to practice your writing skills. It's also much shorter than a chapter book or a novel, so it should be easier to write, and kids your age or younger may enjoy your story. If you publish it, people may decide they want to purchase your book to read, so you could even earn a little bit of money for your efforts.

WHAT'S IN THIS WORKBOOK?

This workbook is written in three parts.

- Part one: Planning
- Part two: Making A Dummy Book

Learn even more in our premium worksheet for grades 5–7:

<https://bit.ly/littlestdinosaurworkbook>

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHEET

PLANNING

1

CHARACTER:

MY MAIN CHARACTER IS:

CONFLICT:

THE PROBLEM MY CHARACTER
NEEDS TO SOLVE IS:

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SETTING

WHERE AND WHEN DOES MY STORY BEGIN?

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OBSTACLE 1

MY CHARACTER TRIES TO SOLVE THE
PROBLEM BY DOING THIS:

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IT DOESN'T WORK BECAUSE THIS HAPPENS:

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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHEET

PLANNING

2

OBSTACLE 2

MY CHARACTER TRIES AGAIN TO SOLVE
THE PROBLEM BY DOING THIS:

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IT STILL DOESN'T WORK BECAUSE THIS
HAPPENS:

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RAISING THE STAKES

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHARACTER
CAN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

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FINAL OBSTACLE

MY CHARACTER TRIES AGAIN TO SOLVE
THE PROBLEM BY DOING THIS:

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THIS TIME THEY SOLVE THE PROBLEM
BECAUSE:

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RESOLUTION

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PROBLEM
IS SOLVED?

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HOW DOES MY CHARACTER FEEL?

WHY?

MAKE A DUMMY BOOK

Make Your Own 32-Page Dummy Book

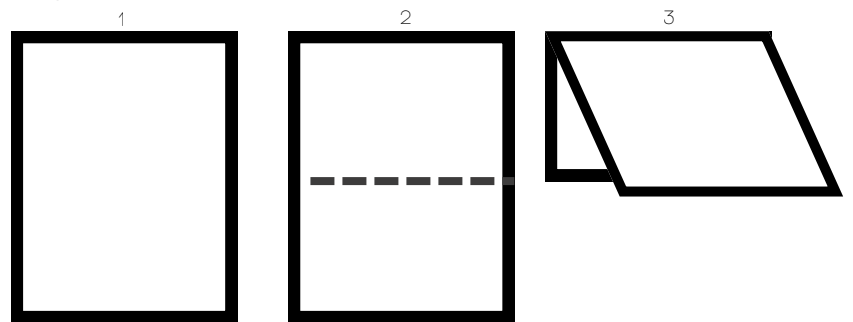
Materials

- 4 sheets of paper: each sheet counts as two pages (front and back)
- Scissors
- Stapler

Instructions

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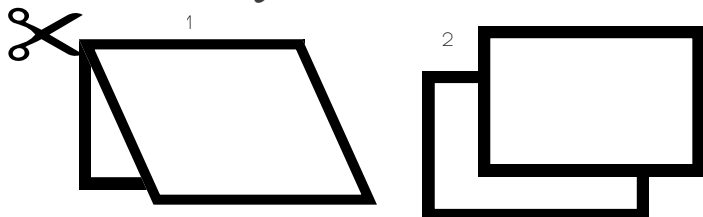
- Fold each sheet of paper in half as shown:



You should now have 4 folded sheets. Each folded sheet has 4 pages (front, back, front, back)

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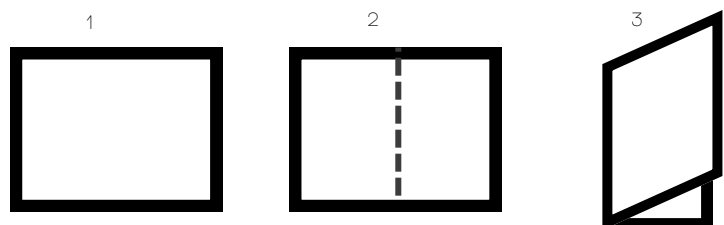
- Cut along the fold lines.



You now have 8 sheets of paper. Each sheet counts as two pages (front and back) so you now have 16 pages.

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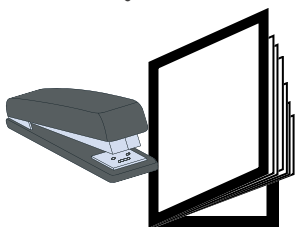
- Fold each sheet of paper in half again



You should now have 16 folded sheets of paper. Counting the front and back of each folded side, this makes 32 pages total.

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- Staple the book together in the centre.



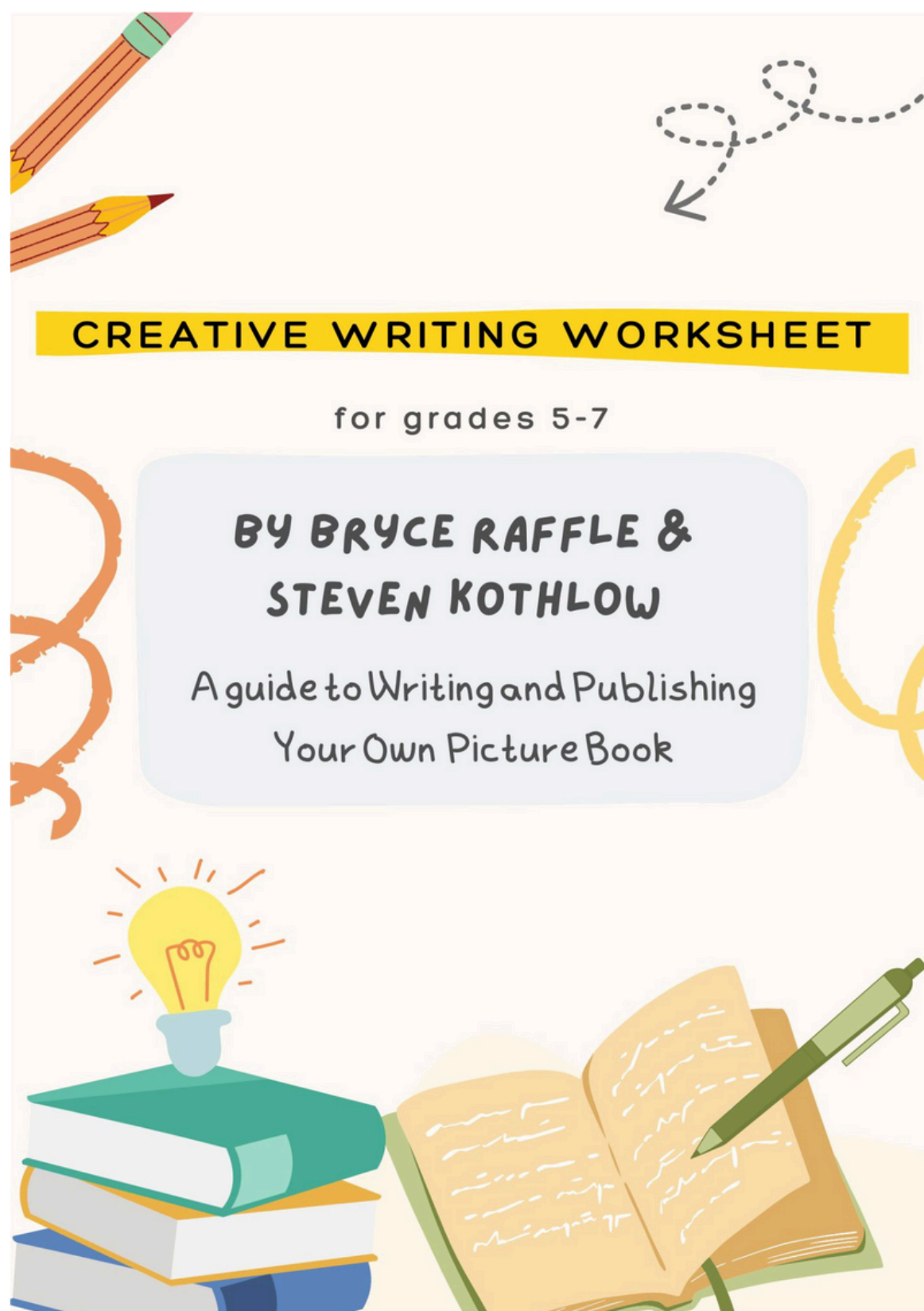
You now have a complete blank “dummy book,” which you can use to write your own story book! Be sure to use your planning worksheet as a guide as you write your story.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHEET

WANT TO LEARN EVEN MORE?

Want to learn more about how you can create a dummy book and format your book for publication, and how to self-publish your very own 32-page picture book?

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