



ADD BEGINNINGS & ENDINGS TO MIDDLES

GRADES K-2



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Nudge students to add the *before* and *after*

 **Follow the 3-Part Train**



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BEGINNING

Who were you with?
How did they get there?
Why were you there?



MIDDLE

What happened?



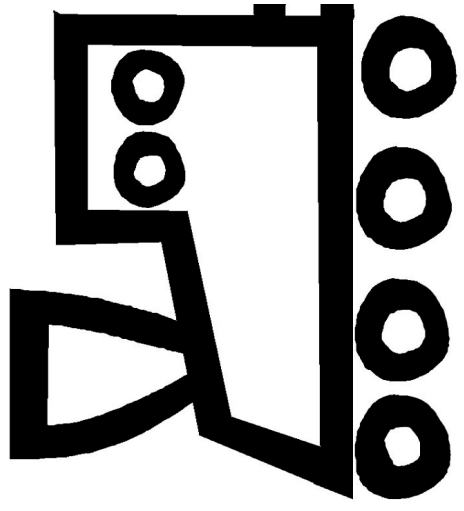
END

How did you feel?
How did it end?

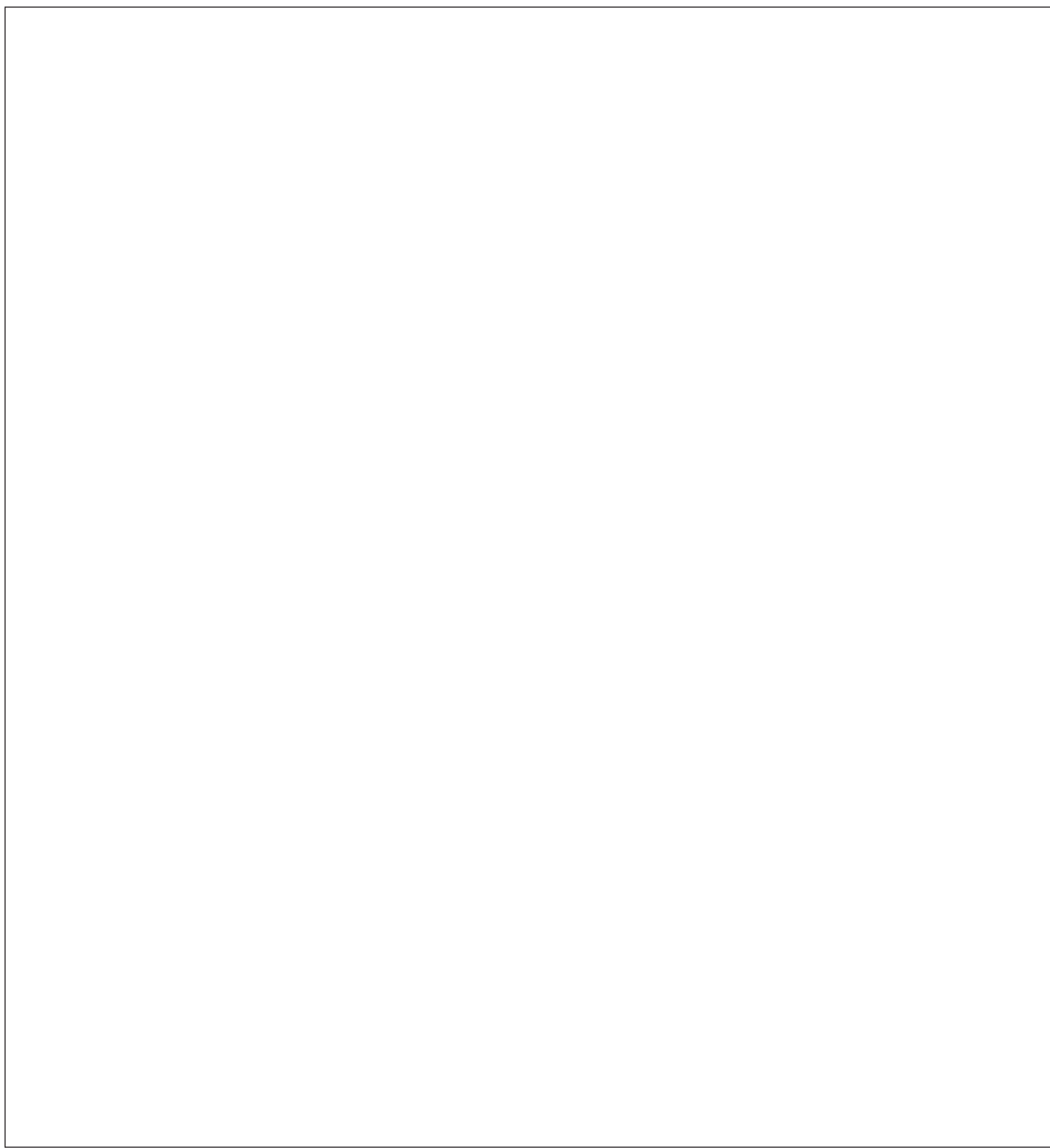
Prepare sample “middles” before the lesson.

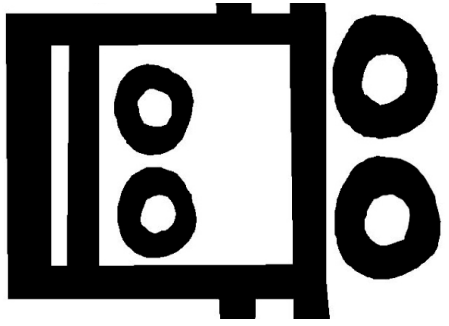
Tape each new idea to extend the train.

- POTENTIAL FOLLOW-UP LESSONS:**
- Develop the piece with more “middle cars” (i.e., middle sentences).
 - Introduce transitions to connect cars.
 - Identify types of beginnings/hooks.
 - Identify types of endings.

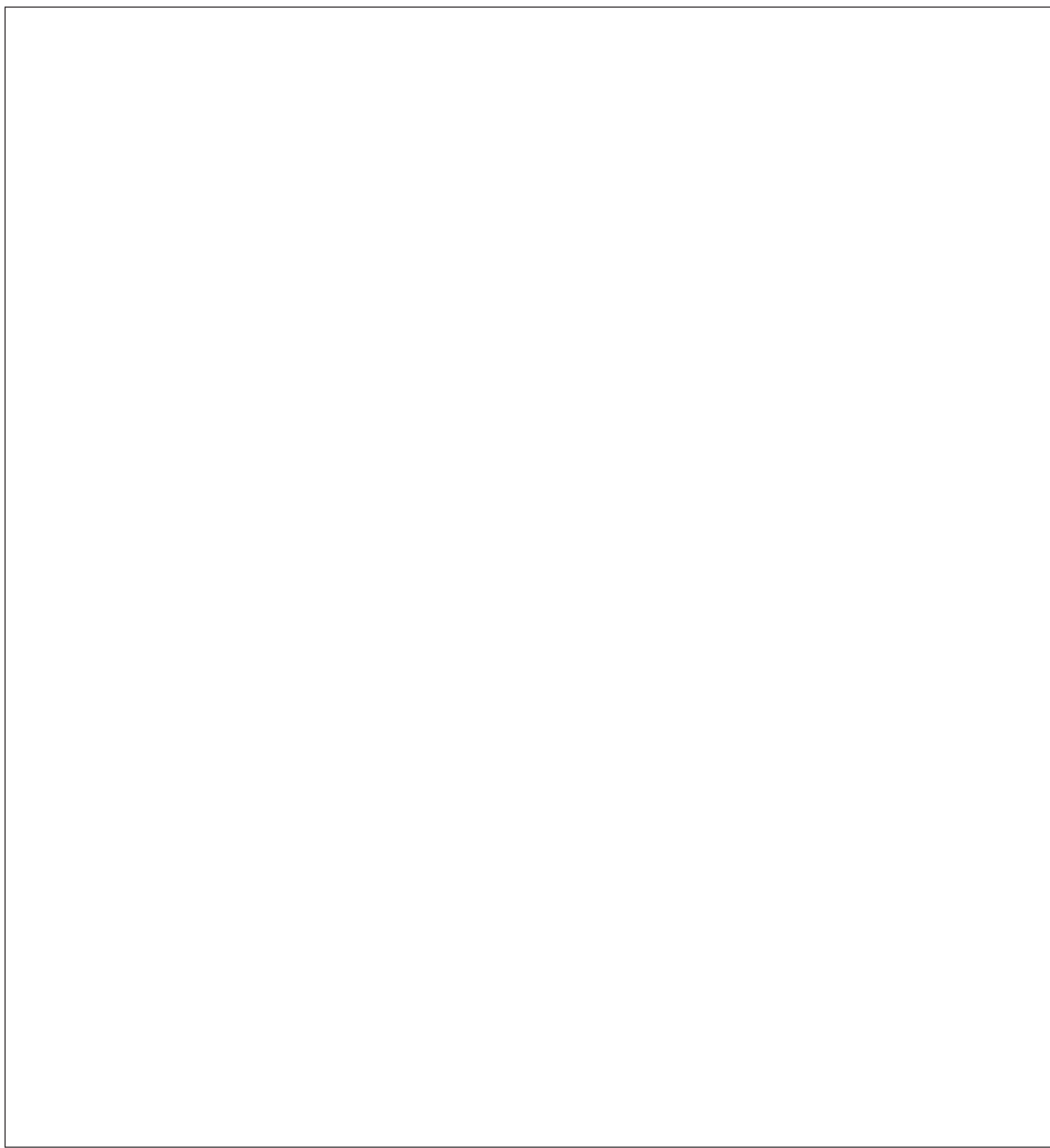


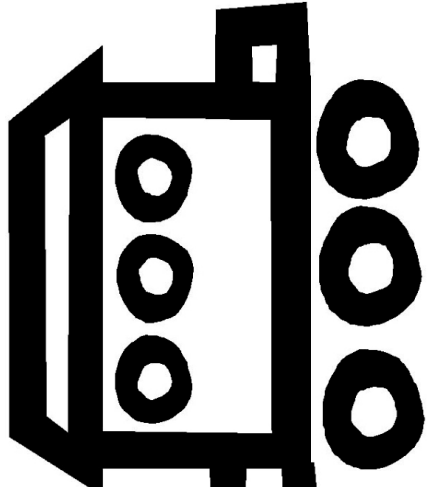
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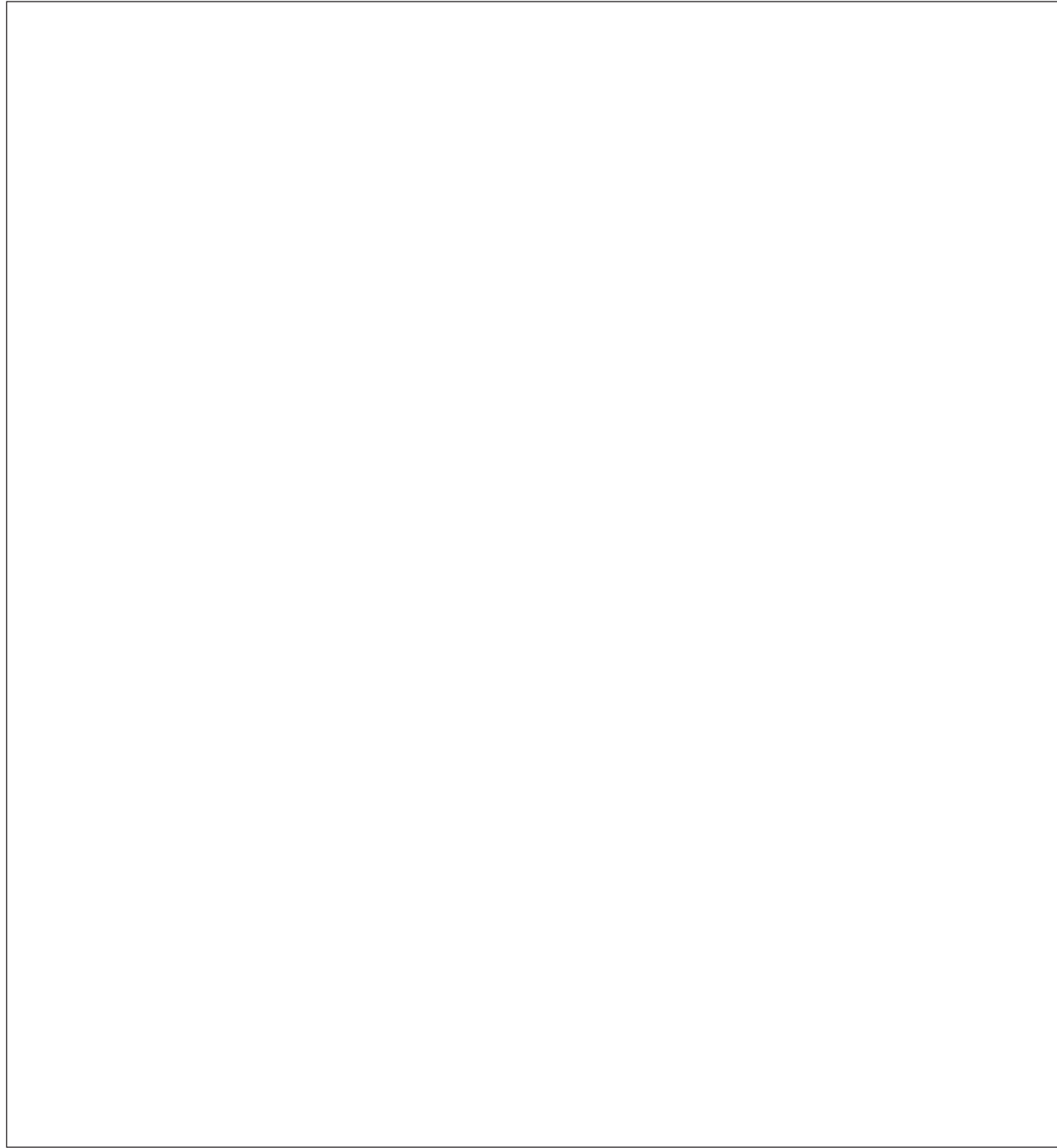


Middle





End



Discussion: Turn & Talk

Reflect on how this lesson is similar/different to how you teach students to write with a beginning, middle, and end.

- *Describe the potential impact of the train as a memory trigger for this lesson.*

How can students with higher writing abilities be challenged when conducting this lesson?

Consider subject-area content where this lesson could be introduced and practiced.

- *What content-area concepts would lend themselves to applying this beginning-middle-end activity?*
- *Are there any upcoming unit(s) that utilize a chronological system, process, life cycle, or detail a historical event?*
- *What texts/read alouds could end with a beginning-middle-end retelling?*

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