

Informative Writing

Identify the topic/
subject.

Establish the
relevance
of the topic.

Provide
background
information.



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Come to
an end.

Summarize
ideas.

Finish
memorably.

Answer
the
So what!?

Informative Writing—Procedural

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Identify the
topic/
subject.

Jelly sandwich

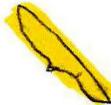
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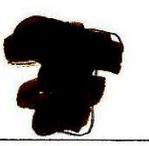
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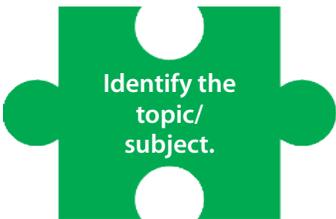
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Informative Writing—Procedural

GRADE 2



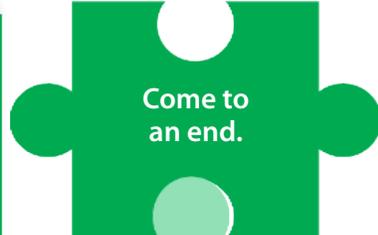
Identify the
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How to Make a PBJ

I'm going to tell you
how to make a peanut
butter and jelly sandwich

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Finally, you can
eat your delectable peanut
butter and jelly sandwich.
That's how you make
a peanut butter and jelly
sandwich.



Come to
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Summarize
ideas.

Informative Writing—Main Idea/Descriptive

GRADE 4



Identify the
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My Sister

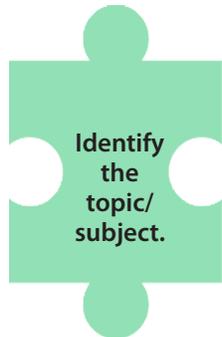
Looking at my sister is like looking in a mirror. When I look at my sister I see brown hair, brown eyes and freckles. We go shopping together. We go swimming together. We go everywhere together. I love my sister, but some times she can be a pain in the neck but I get over it. My sister is very serious, but I am very playful. She has a different style than I do. She likes short shorts and I like pants. She likes tank tops and I like tee shirts. We are very different considering we're twins!



Finish
memorably.

Informative Writing—Research

GRADE 5



There's No Place Like Home

On a dark December night in 1776, as he led a barefoot brigade of ragged revolutionaries across the icy Delaware River, George Washington said, "Shift your fat behind, Harry. But slowly or you'll swamp the darn boat." He was talking to General Henry Knox (they called him "Ox" for short). There's a painting of George Washington where he's standing up in a boat scanning the riverbank for Redcoats. I always thought he just wanted a good view. But I guess the reason he was standing was because he didn't have a place to sit down.

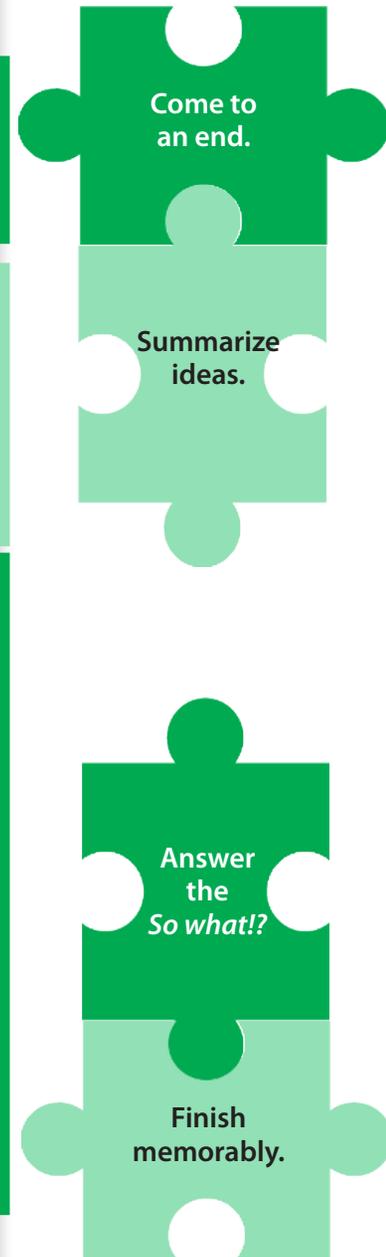
Finding a seat in his own boat was hardly the worst of General Washington's problems. It was cold and wet and icy, and his men were tired and didn't have warm clothes to wear or even enough food to eat. The Revolutionary War was hard on everyone, but it was hard on Washington most of all because he wanted to be home with his wife and children.

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Then, in March of 1797, Washington finally got to go home for good. There were no more wars to fight, and John Adams was going to be President. Washington had been a good President, but he was tired of it. Even his granddaughter noticed how happy he was to be home. In a letter to a friend she wrote, "Grandpa is much pleased with being once more Farmer Washington."

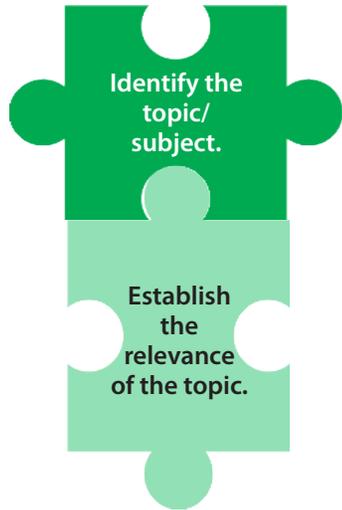
I always used to think of George Washington as a soldier and a politician, and I guess I always will. But he was really just a farmer. He reminds me a little of Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz.

All she wanted to do was get back home. And finally the Wizard told her she could just click her red shoes three times and say "There's no place like home." But George Washington and his men didn't have shoes when they went across the Delaware River. Maybe if they did, history would have turned out completely different.



Informative Writing—Content-Area, Letter Writing

GRADE 7



Dear Miss Mina Mitochondria,

As the leader of this cell, I would like to thank you for being such a great energy source. Since I spend most of my time directing activities along with the traffic that leaves me, I would not be able to work without you. Holding all of the cell's DNA is also a very hard job. You see, the hair and the eye color genes just don't get along!

As powerhouse of the cell, I am sure you are very tired at the end of the day, but you never show it. Breaking down all of the food in the cell and then releasing all of the energy can't be easy. You must be totally wiped out at the end of the day. I can't imagine storing all of that energy also. Thank you Miss Mina, for all that you do. Without you, we would never make it as a cell.

Sincerely,
Nellie Nucleus



Informative Writing— Literary Analysis

GRADE 10

Animal Farm

In the novel, *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell, there is one very particular character whose pride and selfishness creates problems. This character had just merely good ideas in the beginning. However, as time went on, his true self-interest began to shine through.

This character started a free republic of animals and turned it into a plantation that used animals as slaves. He never did have enough and always wanted more, regardless of the price that others had to pay.

This character whose pride and selfishness creates problems, is none other than the great leader of *Animal Farm* himself, comrade Napoleon [Napoleon], the pig.

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In the novel, *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell, Comrade Napoleon is a character whose pride and selfishness creates problems. The starving animals have suffered greatly because of their leader's pride. On the other hand, Napoleon has gained great success through his selfishness. Unfortunately, that's just the way it is. You can't have pride without problems. Even if they are little problems, it's still due to pride. Now, if Napoleon had pride in his farm rather than in himself, well then maybe the humans would've hated him, but he'd still has his true friends of four legs. However, he chose to follow a different path and he burned those bridges along the way. So for now, Comrade Napoleon's pride and selfishness has created problems for the animals, but someday, it will create problems for himself.



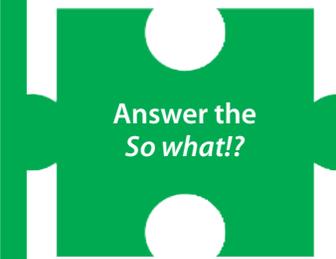
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Identify the topic/subject.



Summarize ideas.



Answer the So what!?