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Scope and Sequence

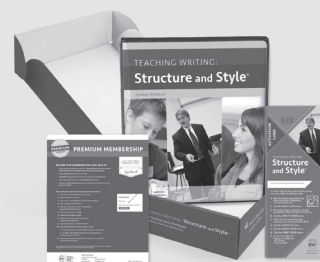
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Unit 2 2	Ring of Fire	introduction to style -ly adverb	approximately continually
3	Dead Sea		instantly leisurely
4	Alfred Wegener title rule	<i>who/which</i> clause	
Unit 3 5	The Old Woman and the Physician, Part 1		bargain consistently
6	The Old Woman and the Physician, Part 2	alliteration	apply confidently
7	Pheidippides and the Battle of Marathon	strong verb banned words: <i>think/thought, see/saw</i>	command relentlessly
8	Theseus and the Minotaur	<i>because</i> clause banned words: <i>go/went, say/said</i>	creep reluctantly
Unit 4 9	Vivaldi topic-clincher sentences		
10	Socrates	quality adjective banned words: <i>good, bad, big, small</i>	ignorant profound
11	Notre Dame	<i>www.asia</i> clause	innovative menacing
12	Volcanoes	#2 prepositional opener	catastrophic incinerate
Unit 5 13	Door and Wall, Part 1		deliberate murmur
14	Door and Wall, Part 2	simile/metaphor	
15	The Piano	#3 -ly adverb opener	mentor proficient

Lesson	Subject and Structure	Style (First Introduced)	Vocabulary Words
Unit 6 16	Amazon Rainforest, Part 1 source and fused outlines		indispensable sustainable
17	Amazon Rainforest, Part 2		abundant meticulously
18	French Revolution, Part 1		dire treason
19	French Revolution, Part 2	#6 vss opener	
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21	My Favorite Activity, Part 2 introduction and conclusion	3sss	inspire stimulate
22	My Favorite Season, Part 1	#5 clausal opener www.asia.b clause	demolish elaborate
23	My Favorite Season, Part 2		expertly strenuous
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Sample

Lesson 1: History of Maps, Mercator Projection

Preparation:	<i>Teaching Writing: Structure and Style</i> Watch the sections for Unit 1: Note Making and Outlines. At IEW.com/twss-help reference the TWSS Viewing Guides.
Structure:	Unit 1: Note Making and Outlines Introduction to Structure
Style:	no new style
Subject:	history of maps, Mercator projection



Lesson 1: History of Maps, Mercator Projection

UNIT 1: NOTE MAKING AND OUTLINES

Lesson 1: History of Maps, Mercator Projection

Goals

- to learn the Unit 1 Note Making and Outlines structural model
- to create a key word outline (KWO)
- to retell the content of a source text using just your outline
- to use new vocabulary words: *cartographer*; *distorted*



Assignment Schedule

Day 1

1. Read Introduction to Structure and New Structure—Note Making and Outlines.
2. Read “History of Maps.” Read it again and write a key word outline (KWO).
3. Test your KWO. If a note is unclear, check the source text and fix your KWO.

Day 2

1. Look at the vocabulary cards for Lesson 1. Complete Vocabulary Practice.
2. Try to add one vocabulary word to your KWO.
3. Give an oral report using your KWO. Read. Think. Look up. Speak.

Day 3

1. Read “The Mercator Projection.” Read it again and write a KWO.
2. Try to add one vocabulary word to your KWO.
3. Test your KWO. If a note is unclear, check the source text and fix your KWO.

Day 4

1. Review the vocabulary words.
2. Complete Structure Review.
3. After practicing, use your KWO and give an oral report to a friend or family member. Read. Think. Look up. Speak. If applicable, be prepared to give the oral report in class.

Literature Suggestions

If you wish to incorporate literature into the curriculum, see a suggested list of books in Appendix I.

Unit 1

Students will benefit from reading the source text and beginning KWOs with a teacher. Teachers should plan to teach New Structure, New Style, and introduce the vocabulary words.

UNIT 1: NOTE MAKING AND OUTLINES

Introduction to Structure

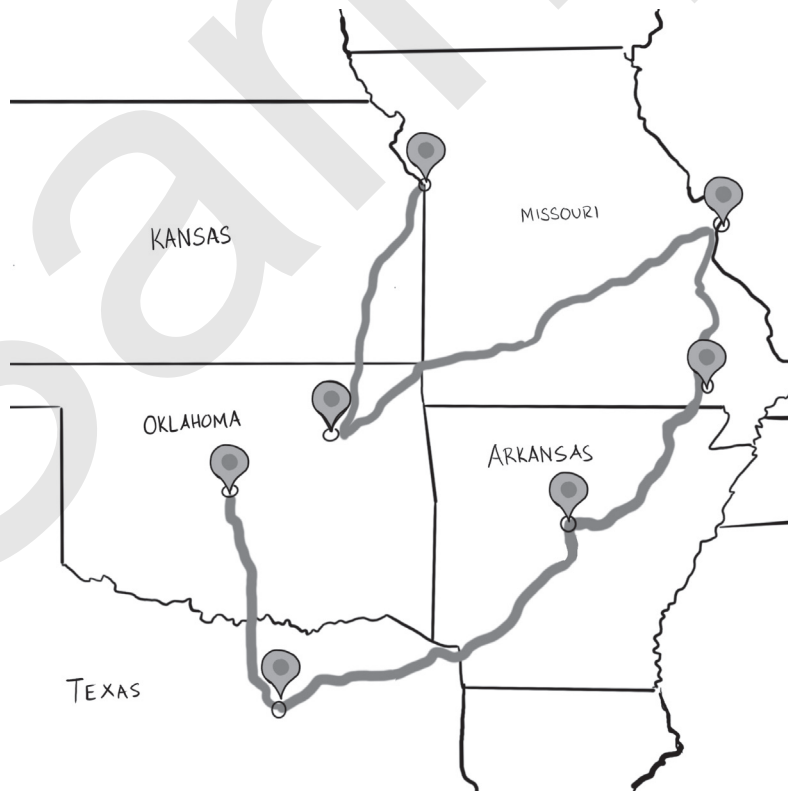
In this book you will learn ways to make your writing more enjoyable to read. You will learn to write with *structure* and with *style*. This lesson explains structure.

Structure

What is structure? The dictionary says structure is “the way that parts of something are arranged or put together.”

What has structure? Think of planning a trip. Before a trip is taken, someone had to create an itinerary, a plan, for the travelers. The travelers have to follow the itinerary so that each part of the trip is in its proper place. The destinations must be visited in a specific order. If you begin in New York, you must visit South Carolina before Florida. The suitcases should be packed before the trip begins. The hotels must be booked before the activities can be enjoyed. Each step has to be completed in order to give the trip its proper structure.

In some ways, writing a paper is similar to planning a trip. A paper contains facts and ideas. If you begin writing without a plan, your facts and ideas will probably end up in the wrong place. Your paragraph will not be structured well, and your readers might not understand what you are trying to say. So, in this course, you will “draw plans” before you write. Your “plans” will be key word outlines, which we abbreviate KWO.



New Structure**Note Making and Outlines**

Begin by reading the source text. Choose two or three key words in each sentence that tell the sentence's main idea.

Write the KWO.

To write a key word outline (KWO), place the key words on the outline. Do not write more than three words on a line. You may also use symbols, numbers, and abbreviations. They are "free." Separate key words, symbols, numbers, and abbreviations with commas.


Key words are the most important words that tell the main idea.

Symbols can be drawn faster than it takes to write the word.

Numbers include numerals like 1, 2, 3, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Abbreviations are commonly accepted forms of shortened words.

Can you guess what each of the following mean?

ppl → NA ++ 123  ✓

Test the KWO.

After you finish writing your KWO, you must test it. To test a KWO, begin by putting the source text away. Use only your notes. If a note is unclear, check the source text and fix your KWO.

Use the KWO for an oral report (optional).

A KWO helps you organize your thoughts. A KWO is used to write a paper. It can also be used to give an oral report.

Read a line of notes.

Think of a sentence.

Look up so your eyes are not on the paper.

Speak in complete sentences. With practice, you can use your KWO to give an oral report about a source text.

Using the KWO

The primary purpose of the KWO is to write a paper. Students test the outline to ensure the key words can be used to write a sentence.

The test is not of the student but of the outline. Every outline should be tested to ensure a paper can be written.

When students test the outline, they will look at the words on each line as they form complete sentences. If a note is unclear, students should look at the source text and fix the outline.

A secondary use of the KWO is to give an oral report. Do not have students practice this activity until the outline works.

When students use the KWO to give an oral report, they should follow the process: Read. Think. Look up. Speak.

Andrew Pudewa teaches, "You may look at your notes, and you may speak to your audience, but you may not do both at the same time."

Encourage students to use symbols, numbers, and abbreviations.

A symbol is legal if it can be written in less time than it takes to write the word.

Symbols → = to/across/next ++ = many/more/several



= earth



= correct/accurate

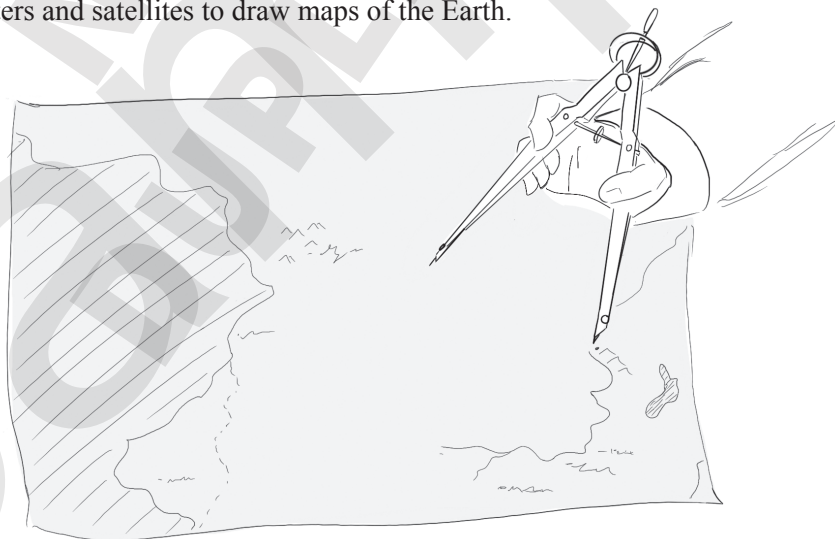
Numbers 123 = numbers

Abbreviations ppl = people NA = North America

UNIT 1: NOTE MAKING AND OUTLINES

Source Text**History of Maps**

People have drawn maps of the Earth for centuries. The oldest known maps were carved in clay and hardened in the sun by people from the ancient Babylonian civilization. In the second century, the ancient Greek geographer Ptolemy designed lines of latitude and longitude to draw maps of the known world. Eventually, European explorers and cartographers drew maps of new coast lines of the lands they found. To navigate their ships, explorers used special instruments to determine direction and distance on their maps. When English settlers arrived in North America, John Smith drew the first maps of Virginia and New England. As explorers such as Lewis and Clark traveled west and surveyed the new land, they measured and recorded details to make maps. Nowadays cartographers use computers and satellites to draw maps of the Earth.

**Mechanics**

Capitalize *north*, *south*, *east*, and *west* when they refer to a region or proper name. Do not capitalize these words when they indicate direction.

Read and Discuss

As you read the source text, define words students may not know.

Show students a map of the Earth.

Locate Key Words

Model how to find key words. Reread the first sentence. Ask your students what words are main idea words.

Have students circle two or three key words in each sentence of the source text.

Sentence by sentence, repeat the process by questioning and circling as students give key word suggestions.


The KWOs in the Teacher's Manual are only samples. Every class and each student will have unique outlines.

Sample

Lesson 1: History of Maps, Mercator Projection

Key Word Outline

On the lines below, write two or three key words from each sentence of the source text. Choose words that help you remember the meaning of the sentence. Use symbols, numbers, and abbreviations when possible. They do not count as words. Be sure you can remember what they mean.

- I. ppl, drawn, maps, E, centuries
1. oldest, clay, Babylonians
2. 2nd C, Ptolemy, \equiv latitude + longitude
3. Eu, explorers, maps, coasts
4. navigate, , instruments, direction, $\leftarrow \rightarrow$
5. N.A., John Smith, 1st, maps, VA, N.E.
6. \rightarrow west, surveyed, details
7. nowadays, computers, satellites

Test your KWO. This is a test of the outline, not your memory.

To test your KWO, look at your notes, not the source text. If a note is unclear, check the source text and fix your KWO.

Use your KWO to give an oral report.

- | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| Read | a line of notes. |
| Think | of a sentence. |
| Look up | so your eyes are not on the paper. |
| Speak | in complete sentences. |

Writing the KWO

Symbols, numbers, and abbreviations are free. Using them allows room for other key words.

Proper nouns such as *John Smith* count as one key word. Encourage students to correctly capitalize and spell these words as they write their KWOs.

Encourage students to correctly capitalize and spell as they write their KWOs.

In a classroom setting, write class ideas on a whiteboard. Students may copy these or use their own ideas.

Using the KWO

Students test the outline to ensure the key words can be used to write a sentence.

The test is not of the student but of the outline. Every outline should be tested to ensure a paper can be written.

On Day 1 students write and test the KWO.

On Day 2 students can use the KWO to practice giving an oral report.

Read and Discuss

As you read the source text, define words students may not know.

Show students a globe and a flat map of the Earth.

Locate Key Words

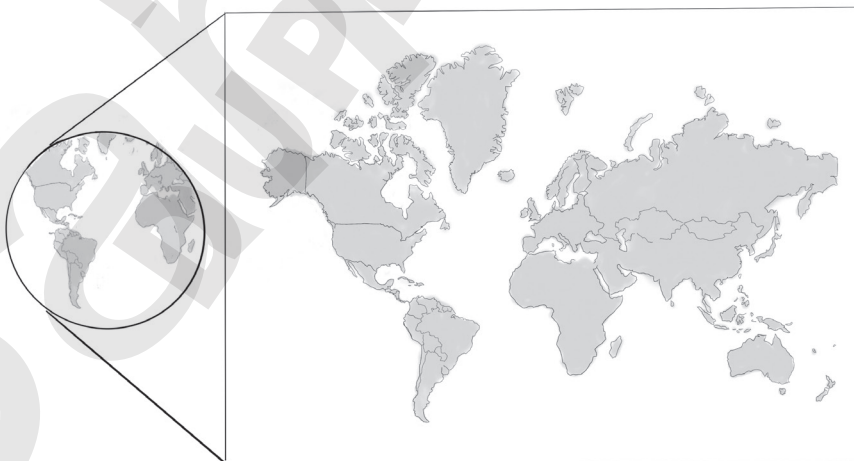
Model how to find key words. Ask your students what words are main idea words. Have students circle two or three key words in each sentence of the source text.

Sentence by sentence, repeat the process by questioning and circling as students give key word suggestions.

UNIT 1: NOTE MAKING AND OUTLINES

Source Text**Mercator Projection**

A globe is the most accurate representation of the Earth because it is a sphere. A projection is a method of drawing the round Earth on flat paper. However, it is not possible to accurately represent the curved surface of the Earth on a flat map. As cartographers draw maps on paper, some of the land they draw becomes distorted, making navigation difficult. In 1569 a Flemish cartographer named Gerardus Mercator designed a map with straight lines to help sailors navigate their ships. The Mercator projection shows the true shape of land areas although lands near the North and South poles appear much larger than they really are. For example, on a Mercator projection, Greenland is eight times larger than on a globe. Countries closer to the equator have more accurate sizes. Although the Mercator projection is not perfect, it remains one of the most popular maps shown in atlases.

**Mechanics**

The first time you write a name, write the first and last name.




After the first time, write the first and last name or only the last name.

Sample

Lesson 1: History of Maps, Mercator Projection

Key Word Outline

On the lines below, write two or three key words from each sentence of the source text. Choose words that help you remember the meaning of the sentence. Use symbols, numbers, and abbreviations when possible.

- I. globe, ++ accurate, , sphere
1. projection, draw, flat
2. X, curved, surface, flat
3. draw, land, distorted
4. 1569, Gerardus Mercator, map, , navigate
5. MP, true, shape, N+S, ++ larger
6. Greenland, 8X, larger
7. closer, equator, , size
8. MP, X perfect, popular, atlases

Test your KWO. This is a test of the outline, not your memory.

To test your KWO, look at your notes, not the source text. If a note is unclear, check the source text and fix your KWO.

Use your KWO to give an oral report.

- Read a line of notes.
- Think of a sentence.
- Look up so your eyes are not on the paper.
- Speak in complete sentences.

Writing the KWO

Train students to use numerals on the KWO. Numerals are always faster than spelling the word.

Since *Mercator Projection* is the title, simply write *MP* when writing the KWO.

Using the KWO

Telling back the KWO is an important step in the prewriting process.

On Day 3 students write and test the KWO.

On Day 4 students can use the KWO to practice giving an oral report.

Vocabulary

Students study vocabulary to become better thinkers, speakers, and writers.

Print the vocabulary cards for Lesson 1. Hold up the cards. Read each definition and ask your students to guess which word it matches by looking at the pictures.

Allow students to use derivatives (forms) of words.

The sample sentences are, of course, only suggestions. If students ask for help, offer an idea. Listen as they read their sentences aloud.

Structure Review

Key words are the most important words that tell the main idea.

Two or three words can be placed on a KWO line.

Symbols, numbers, and abbreviations are free.

After you write a KWO, you have to test it.

UNIT 1: NOTE MAKING AND OUTLINES

Vocabulary Practice

Listen to someone read the vocabulary words for Lesson 1 aloud.

Speak them aloud yourself.

Read the definitions and sample sentences on the vocabulary cards.

Write two sentences using one of this lesson's vocabulary words in each sentence. You may use derivatives of the words. For example, you may add an -ed, -s, or -ing to a basic vocabulary word.



cartographer _____

Cartographers draw maps of new lands that are found.



distorted _____

The size of Greenland becomes distorted on a flat map.

Think about the words and their meanings. Can you use them in your KWOs?

Structure Review

Review page 13. Answer these questions orally.

What is a key word?

How many words can you put on one line of a KWO?

When you write a KWO, what are free?

After you write a KWO, what do you have to do?

Lesson 27: The Little Match Girl, Part 1

Preparation:	<i>Teaching Writing: Structure and Style</i> Watch the sections for Unit 9: Formal Critique. At IEW.com/twss-help reference the TWSS Viewing Guides.
Structure:	Unit 9: Formal Critique body paragraphs
Style:	no new style
Subject:	critique of “The Little Match Girl”



Lesson 27: The Little Match Girl, Part 1

UNIT 9: FORMAL CRITIQUE

Lesson 27: The Little Match Girl, Part 1

Goals

- to learn the Unit 9 Formal Critique structural model
- to create a KWO
- to write the body paragraphs of a short story critique
- to learn and practice critique vocabulary
- to use new vocabulary words: *antagonist*, *protagonist*

Assignment Schedule

Day 1

1. Play Find the *www.asia* Clause Starters or Two Strikes and You're Out.
2. Read New Structure—Formal Critique Model: Body Paragraphs.
3. Read “The Little Match Girl.”
4. Write a KWO by answering the Story Sequence Chart questions.

Day 2

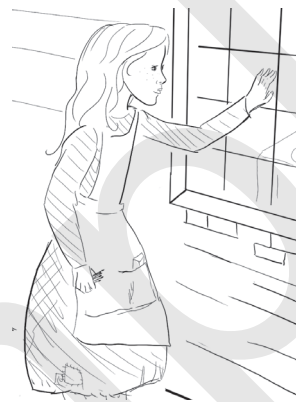
1. Review your KWO from Day 1.
2. Complete Style Practice.
3. Look at the vocabulary cards for Lesson 27. Complete Vocabulary Practice.
4. Using your KWO as a guide, begin writing a rough draft.
5. Look at the checklist. Check each box as you complete each requirement.

Day 3

1. Review the vocabulary words and their meanings.
2. Finish writing your three body paragraphs.
3. Turn in your rough draft to your editor with the completed checklist attached.

Day 4

1. Write or type a final draft, making any corrections your editor asked you to make.
2. Paperclip the checklist, final draft, rough draft, and KWO together.



Unit 9

In Lessons 27–28 students write a 5-paragraph formal critique. They begin by writing the body paragraphs based on the Story Sequence Chart. Help students focus on writing about the story rather than simply telling the story.

Remind students that these paragraphs do not contain topic or clincher sentences.

Exemplar

The Exemplars file contains a student's completed assignment for Lessons 27–28. The Exemplar is for the teacher and not intended to be used by the student.

See the blue page for download instructions.

UNIT 9: FORMAL CRITIQUE

New Structure

Formal Critique Model: Body Paragraphs

In Unit 9 you will write critiques of literature. Do this by combining your knowledge of how to retell narrative stories (Unit 3) with how to write introduction and conclusion paragraphs (Units 7 and 8). You may follow this model to critique any story.

The model contains an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The body paragraphs follow the Story Sequence Chart. The elements required in the introduction and conclusion are specific to critiques.

This model does not contain topic sentences or clincher sentences.

Story Sequence Chart	I. Introduction	<i>attention getter</i> <i>background information</i>
	II. Characters and Setting	<i>Who is in the story?</i> <i>What are they like?</i> <i>When does it happen?</i> <i>Where do they live/go?</i>
	III. Conflict or Problem	<i>What do they need/want?</i> <i>What do they think?</i> <i>What do they say and do?</i>
	IV. Climax and Resolution	<i>How is the problem/need resolved?</i> <i>What happens after?</i> <i>What is learned?</i>
	V. Conclusion	<i>your opinion</i> <i>why</i>

Like other 5-paragraph compositions, begin with the body paragraphs. When you write a critique, do not tell about every character or detail of the story. Instead, write a brief summary of different parts of the story in order to give your opinion about those specific parts. Use the Story Sequence Chart.

When you write the first body paragraph, write “The Little Match Girl” *is set in* ____ . Later write *The main character is* ____ .

When you write the second body paragraph, write *The problem is* ____ .

When you write the third body paragraph, write *The climax occurs* ____ . Later write *In the resolution* ____ .

Sample Body Paragraphs

The following three paragraphs are a critique about “The Old Woman and the Physician.” Each paragraph tells about the main components found in the Story Sequence Chart and the student’s opinion of the story.

As you read the critique, look for opinions.

Notice that the writer does not use the pronouns *I* or *you*.



The setting begins in an old woman’s home and ends in a court room. Leaving the reader to imagine what these places look like, the author simply states that the woman owns goods in her home but does not provide description. The main character is an elderly blind woman. Aesop does not name her. The woman finds a physician who claims that he can heal her. Hastily she makes a bargain with him, not realizing that he is deceitful. When the physician examines her, he tells her that he can cure her. Throughout the tale the author reveals the woman’s sharp mind.

Characters and Setting

Who is the main character(s)?

Is he/she likable?

What is the setting?

Is it descriptive?

Immediately readers understand the problem. As the story unfolds, readers are shocked because the physician eventually steals everything. Claiming to have healed her, he asks for payment. The old woman, who gasps when she opens her eyes, identifies her home but not her goods. Her belongings are missing. She insists that she is not cured and refuses to pay. According to the physician his remedy has worked, so he takes her to court. The audience feels sympathy for the woman and frustration with the physician.

Conflict or Problem

What is the main conflict or problem?

Is it interesting, boring, upsetting?

Does the main character get what he/she wants?

The unexpected climax occurs when the old woman, who faces the judge, states that the physician has told the truth about their agreement. Readers wonder how she will convince the judge that the physician is a thief. At this point, she explains the bargain and why she refuses to pay. Since the physician believes he can win the case, he confidently declares that the old woman is healed. Admiring the old woman’s wit, readers chuckle as she reveals her clever plan. Triumphant she exposes the physician as a thief. Readers are satisfied.

Climax and Resolution

When does the climax occur?

Does it cause suspense?

Is the ending predictable or a surprise?

Is the reader satisfied or disappointed?

UNIT 9: FORMAL CRITIQUE

Source Text**The Little Match Girl**

Most terribly cold it was; it snowed, and was nearly quite dark, and evening—the last evening of the year. In this cold and darkness there went along the street a poor little girl, bareheaded, and with naked feet. When she left home she had slippers on, it is true; but what was the good of that? They were very large slippers, which her mother had hitherto worn; so large were they; and the poor little thing lost them as she scuffled away across the street, because of two carriages that rolled by dreadfully fast.

One slipper was nowhere to be found; the other had been laid hold of by an urchin, and off he ran with it; he thought it would do capitally for a cradle when he some day or other should have children himself. So the little maiden walked on with her tiny naked feet, that were quite red and blue from cold. She carried a quantity of matches in an old apron, and she held a bundle of them in her hand. Nobody had bought anything of her the whole livelong day; no one had given her a single farthing.



She crept along trembling with cold and hunger—a very picture of sorrow, the poor little thing!

The flakes of snow covered her long fair hair, which fell in beautiful curls around her neck; but of that, of course, she never once now thought. From all the windows the candles were gleaming, and it smelt so deliciously of roast goose, for you know it was New Year’s Eve; yes, of that she thought.

In a corner formed by two houses, of which one advanced more than the other, she seated herself down and cowered together. Her little feet she had drawn close up to her, but she grew colder and colder, and to go home she did not venture, for she had not sold any matches and could not bring a farthing of money: from her father she would certainly get blows, and at home it was cold too, for above her she had only the roof, through which the wind whistled, even though the largest cracks were stopped up with straw and rags.

Her little hands were almost numbed with cold. Oh! A match might afford her a world of comfort, if she only dared take a single one out of the bundle, draw it against the wall, and warm her fingers by it. She drew one out. “Rischt!” How it blazed, how it burnt! It was a warm, bright flame, like a candle, as she held her hands over it: it was a wonderful light. It seemed really to the little maiden as though she were sitting before a large iron stove, with burnished brass feet and a brass ornament at top. The fire burned with such blessed influence; it warmed so delightfully. The little girl had already stretched out her feet to warm them too; but—the small flame went out, the stove vanished: she had only the remains of the burnt-out match in her hand.

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She rubbed another against the wall: it burned brightly, and where the light fell on the wall, there the wall became transparent like a veil, so that she could see into the room. On the table was spread a snow-white tablecloth; upon it was a splendid porcelain service, and the roast goose was steaming famously with its stuffing of apple and dried plums. And what was still more capital to behold was, the goose hopped down from the dish, reeled about on the floor with knife and fork in its breast, till it came up to the poor little girl; when—the match went out and nothing but the thick, cold, damp wall was left behind. She lighted another match. Now there she was sitting under the most magnificent Christmas tree: it was still larger, and more decorated than the one which she had seen through the glass door in the rich merchant's house.

Thousands of lights were burning on the green branches, and gaily-colored pictures, such as she had seen in the shop-windows, looked down upon her. The little maiden stretched out her hands towards them when—the match went out. The lights of the Christmas tree rose higher and higher, she saw them now as stars in heaven; one fell down and formed a long trail of fire.



“Someone is just dead!” said the little girl; for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now no more, had told her, that when a star falls, a soul ascends to God.

She drew another match against the wall: it was again light, and in the lustre there stood the old grandmother, so bright and radiant, so mild, and with such an expression of love.

“Grandmother!” cried the little one. “Oh, take me with you! You go away when the match burns out; you vanish like the warm stove, like the delicious roast goose, and like the magnificent Christmas tree!” And she rubbed the whole bundle of matches quickly against the wall, for she wanted to be quite sure of keeping her grandmother near her. And the matches gave such a brilliant light that it was brighter than at noon-day: never formerly had the grandmother been so beautiful and so tall. She took the little maiden, on her arm, and both flew in brightness and in joy so high, so very high, and then above was neither cold, nor hunger, nor anxiety—they were with God.

But in the corner, at the cold hour of dawn, sat the poor girl, with rosy cheeks and with a smiling mouth, leaning against the wall—frozen to death on the last evening of the old year. Stiff and stark sat the child there with her matches, of which one bundle had been burnt. “She wanted to warm herself,” people said. No one had the slightest suspicion of what beautiful things she had seen; no one even dreamed of the splendor in which, with her grandmother she had entered on the joys of a new year.

II. Characters and Setting

In this paragraph students tell about how the author describes the setting and main character. Does the author provide enough descriptions to create a clear image for the reader?

III. Conflict or Problem

In this paragraph students critique the main problem: the townspeople are selfish and ignore the little girl selling matches.

IV. Climax and Resolution

The climax occurs when the little girl strikes the last match. Will she receive help, or will she die?

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Sample

Key Word Outline—Story Sequence Chart

Identify the Story Sequence Chart elements. Use the words *setting*, *characters*, *problem*, *climax*, *resolution*.


Characters and Setting

When and where does the story occur? This is the *setting*.

Name and describe each main *character*.

II. setting, NYE, 18th cent, Europe

1. descriptive, vivid, image

2. m. character, poor , wander st.

3. child, X name, irrelevant?

4. – description, X personality


(5.) obvious, , miserable

Conflict or Problem

What does the main character want or need? This is the *conflict*.

Tell what the main characters do, say, and think in order to solve the problem.

Tell how they feel as they try to solve the problem.

III. problem,  , selfish, ignore, 

1. refuse, buy, matches

2. people, shun, frightened?

3. X charity, upsetting, especially, NYE

4. hopelessness, remain, cold

(5.) father, beat, home, X \$

Climax and Resolution

What event in the story reveals how the conflict will work out (whether the problem will be solved or not)? This is the *climax*.

What is the outcome for the main characters at the end of the story? This is the *resolution*.

IV. climax, strike, last, 

1. gma + , heaven

2. townspeople, , dead, streets

3. depressing, sad, resolution

4. abrupt, father's, reaction?

(5.) child, froze, death

These paragraphs do not contain topic-clincher sentences.

Style Practice

Who/Which Clause Dress-Up

What does a *who/which* clause describe? the noun it follows

Place commas around a *who/which* clause.

www.asia.b Clause Dress-Up

Write the *www.asia.b* clause pattern. www word + subject + verb

Write eight *www* words. when, while, where, as, since, if, although, because

Do not use a comma before a *www.asia.b* clause.

Sentence Openers

Which two sentence openers always need commas? #4 -ing and #5 clausal

When does a #2 prepositional opener need a comma? when it has 5 or more words

When does a #3 -ly adverb opener need a comma? when it modifies the sentence

Decorations

Look at your KWO and consider where you can include alliteration, simile/metaphor, and 3sss. You could use one of these in your conclusion.

The goal is to introduce students to basic literary terms. For this reason, the suggested answer for the antagonist is simplified to a character in the story. As students learn more about analyzing literature, they will discover that an antagonist can also be abstract forces like poverty, the cold, or society's lack of care. However, since this level of detail is not needed for this assignment, it is not addressed in the suggested answer.

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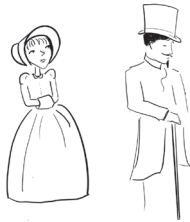
Vocabulary Practice

Listen to someone read the vocabulary words for Lesson 27 aloud.

Speak them aloud yourself.

Read the definitions and sample sentences on the vocabulary cards.

Write two sentences using one of this lesson's vocabulary words in each sentence.



antagonist _____

The antagonists are the people who take no notice of the girl.



protagonist _____

The protagonist is a young impoverished girl.

Think about the words and their meanings. Use them in your critique.



Unit 9 Composition Checklist

Lesson 27: The Little Match Girl, body paragraphs

Formal
Critique

Name: _____

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Listen. Speak. Read. Write. Think!**STRUCTURE**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> name and date in upper left-hand corner | _____ | 2 pts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> composition double-spaced | _____ | 2 pts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> checklist on top, final draft, rough draft, key word outline | _____ | 6 pts |

Body

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| <input type="checkbox"/> follow Story Sequence Chart | _____ | 9 pts |
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STYLE**¶12 ¶13 ¶14 Dress-Ups** (underline one of each) (3 pts each)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> www.asia.b clause | _____ | 9 pts |

Sentence Openers (number; one of each as possible) (2 pts each)

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CHECK FOR BANNED WORDS (-1 pt for each use):

think/thought, see/saw, go/went, say/said, good, bad, big, small

MECHANICS (-1 pt per error)

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VOCABULARY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> vocabulary words – label (voc) in left margin or after sentence | _____ | |
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Checklist

Teachers are free to adjust a checklist by requiring only the stylistic techniques that have become easy, plus one new one. **EZ+1**

Reminder

Titles of short stories are placed in quotation marks. Commas and periods always go inside closing quotation marks.

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Intentionally blank so the checklist can be removed.

Sample

Appendix I: Adding Literature

Great literature will be a valuable addition to these lessons. Many of these titles have not been reviewed by the Institute for Excellence in Writing. These selections are provided simply to assist you in your own research for books that may be used to supplement this writing curriculum. Teachers should read the books before assigning them to their students.

September

Read selections from *Realms of Gold*, Vol. 1 by Michael J. Marshall and E. D. Hirsch.

“Apollo and Daphne”

“Narcissus and Echo”

“Orpheus and Eurydice”

“Pygmalion and Galatea”

“Cupid and Psyche”

October

Start *The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy* by Padraic Colum.

November

Finish *The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy* by Padraic Colum.

Start *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain, adapted by Kathleen Olmstead.

December

Finish *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain, adapted by Kathleen Olmstead.

January

Start *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy.

February

Finish *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy.

March

Start *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas.

April

Continue *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas.

May

Finish *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas.