

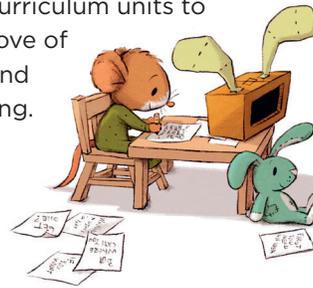
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If You Want to Write a Story

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Crafting a great story can be as fun as reading one with this action-packed introduction to fiction writing as guide.

Use *If You Want to Write a Story* in your classroom as a creative writing prompt in your curriculum units to spark a love of writing and storytelling.



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If You Want to Write a Story

- To build excitement and improve comprehension for *If You Want to Write a Story*, start with a picture walk, inviting students to discuss the pictures, predict the events of the story, and generate questions before reading.
- Once the picture walk and reading are complete, ask students to tell the story in their own words. Then brainstorm ideas for a story that they'd like to write. This can be a collaborative classroom effort or an individual story.
- All good stories begin with an idea and have a beginning, a middle, and an end—and some excitement, of course! As students begin to write (and possibly get stumped), remind them of the book and how the character was able to move forward.
- Revision is something that all writers—and artists—do. Students may revise their work as they go along or after they finish a draft.



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