# Unit 1: Introduction - This is Easy!

Content Area: **Language Arts Literacy**
Course(s): **Creative Writing 1**
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## Enduring Understandings

Narrative writing presents endless possibilities to the writer.

Given the same prompt, twenty writers will create twenty different stories, each worthwhile and rewarding in it's own right.

Writing stories can and should be fun, especially when completed and shared with a group.

A writer of any skill level can create a complete, satisfying narrative.

## Essential Questions

How can completing a writing prompt in class demonstrate to the student the endless possibilities of narrative fiction?

How and why does cooperatively creating and sharing a story add enjoyment to the writing process?

How can writing good fiction be achieved relative to skill level?

How can completing a writing prompt prove that writers of any skill level can create a satisfying narrative?

## Content

Student generated short stories

## Skills

Understand and apply examples of good writing by their classmates in their own writing.

Explore the short story genre by creating a story from single incident.

Experience the limitless possibilities of narrative fiction.

Become comfortable sharing their writing with their classmates.

Employ detail and dialogue to create vivid characters.

Create a story from the climax backward.

Read short fiction and apply conventions in own writing.

Organize ideas into narrative.

Listen and provide feedback on classmates' stories.

## Resources

*A & P* by John Updike

Various Writing Prompts

Student Writing Journals

Chromebooks

Google Classroom

## Standards

W.11-12.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.

b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).

d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

SL.11-12.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on- one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

a. Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well reasoned exchange of ideas.

b. Collaborate with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and assessments (e.g. student developed rubrics), and establish individual roles as needed.

c. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a

hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.

d. Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task. SL.11-12.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

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