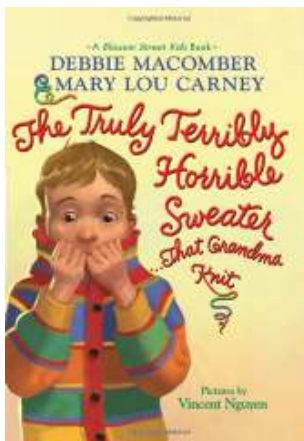


Writing Trait: IDEAS

Learning Intention: Retell the main events of a story focusing on problem and solution. This will prepare students for the stories they will write.



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Before Reading:

Learning Outcome: A1, A6, A8, B5

Have students turn to a partner and predict what the book will be about by looking at the illustration on the front cover and by reading the title.

Ask that students to think of a time in which they received a gift they did not like. Share those story connections with a partner, then have a few students share their connection with the whole class.

During Reading:

Learning Outcome: A3, B6

As the book is read aloud, ask students to listen for the ways in which the authors reveal information about the main character, his problem and the solution.

After Reading:

Learning Outcome: A4, A5, A6, A8, A9, A11, B7, B11, C3, C4, C5

Have you every read a story written by a student that seems to go on and on yet make no sense? Try this strategy at the beginning of a story writing unit to establish the importance of a clear problem and solution.

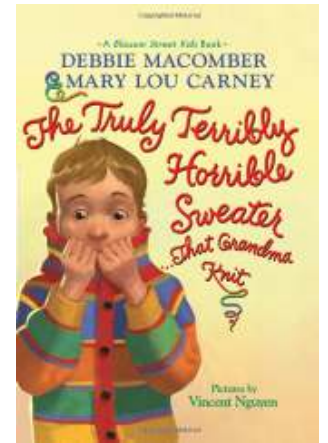
Explain to students that well written stories have a very clear problem and a solution. After reading The Truly Horrible Sweater that Grandma Knit, have students fill out the "Somebody, Wanted, But, So" chart. This will help them to clearly see the framework of this story.

Once this is modeled, have students read a variety of stories filling out the "Somebody, Wanted, But, So" chart. As they do this, they are not only determining importance or getting the gist, they are also preparing their thinking for the stories they will eventually write.

Story Elements

Retell the main ideas of
The Truly Terribly Horrible Sweater That Grandma Knit

By: _____



somebody
(the characters)

wanted

but

so

Story Elements

As you read a picture book, listen for the story structure.
Retell its problem and solution using this outline.

By: _____

somebody	
wanted	
but	
so	

Story Elements

Retell a problem and its solution using this story structure. This will become the framework you will use to write a story.

By: _____

somebody	
wanted	
but	
so	