Monthly Training Webinar Unit 5: Writing from Pictures

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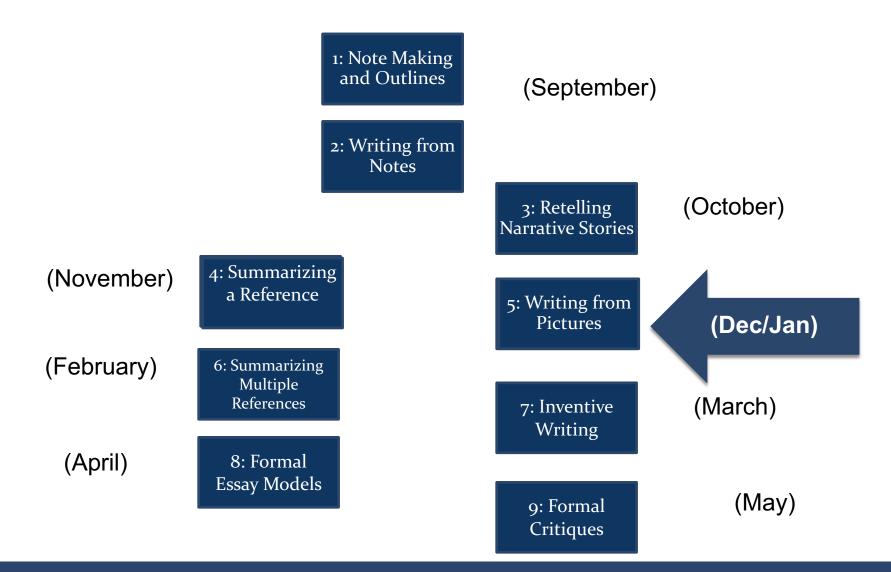
First Edition: Pages 47–52 plus page 11–13 in Tips & Tricks Handout Second Edition: Disc 5 plus 65–82 in the Seminar Workbook





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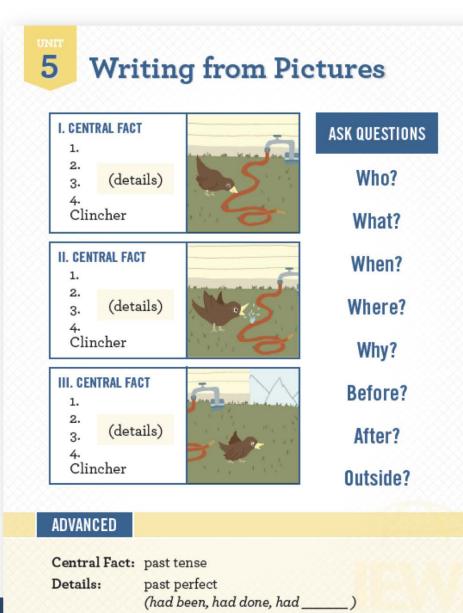
An Overview of IEW's Nine Structural Models





Tonight's Outline

- Goals and recommended materials
- Comparing Units 3 and 5
- Teaching procedure and practicum
- □A few tips
- □Why Unit 5 is so important
- □Style
- □Q&A



Clincher:

past tense

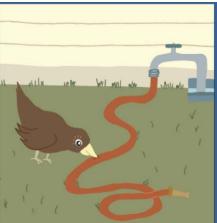


Goals for Unit 5

- For students to write threeparagraph "event descriptions" from a series of three pictures.
- To reinforce the topic-clincher rule and to show how the last sentence is used for both the title rule, and the topic-clincher rule
- To exercise imagination and creativity.
 - The pictures themselves say little.
 - All details, setting, characterization, motives, effects, etc. must be developed.
- To introduce the use of past participle verb forms as needed.

Recommended Materials

- Unit 5 Poster PDF of Unit Posters in your Premium Subscription
- Sequential Pictures
 - "Pictures for Writing" also in your premium subscription
 - Sequential pictures can also be found in children's storybooks, comics
- Norman Rockwell images abound and are especially good for single picture assignments
- Have students draw their own simple pictures.
- Theme-based books





Comparing Units 3 & 5

Unit 3 : Retelling Stories Three paragraphs using these questions

I. Characters/Setting

Who – like? –personality? –situation? When, Where [image, mood]

- II. Conflict/Problem
 - What ... want/need?
 - ... think ? say? do?
- III. Climax/Resolution
 - How solved? Message/lesson
 - (Epilogue)

Unit 5: Writing from Pictures Similar questions for each picture; one paragraph per picture







http://www.kipling.org.uk/poems_serving.htt

The Basic Model of 3 Pictures, 3 Paragraphs

- Model the process.
- Start by describing the central fact of the first picture. Write the key words of that central fact in the topic line of the outline.
- Using the questions listed on the model page, explore the event:
- Add the word "clincher" at the end of the details to remind the student to finish the paragraph with a clincher that repeats or reflects two to three key words of the topic (central fact) of the picture.
- Repeat the process with the remaining two pictures.
- The last sentence is used for both the topic-clincher rule and title rule.
- With older students as they become more familiar with the idea of central fact = topic sentence, introduce the use of past perfect tense and past participle verb forms: the past of the past.

- Who ?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?
- How?
- Before?
- After?
- Outside?



Unit 5 is event description: Have your students assume one of these roles.

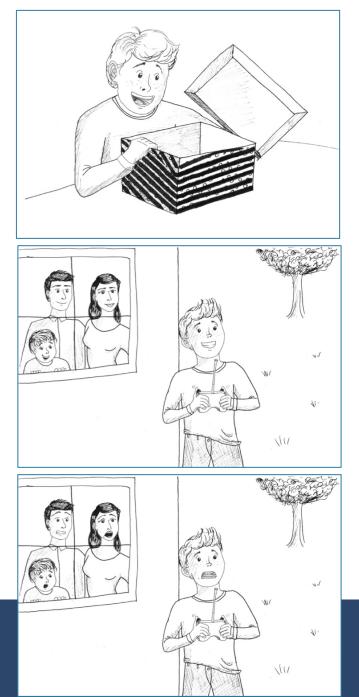
- A reporter first coming on to a scene
- A detective or spy
- Aliens watching from a spaceship





Let's try one together!

- I'll do one on my paper.
- You do the same.
- I'll scan in and repost.

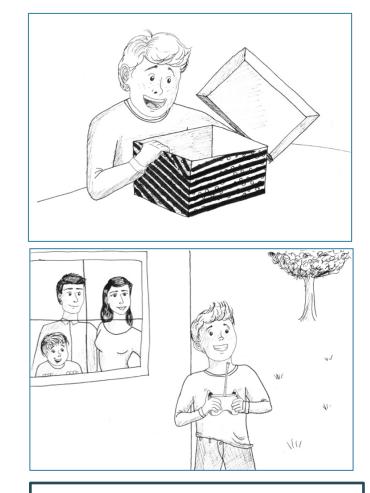


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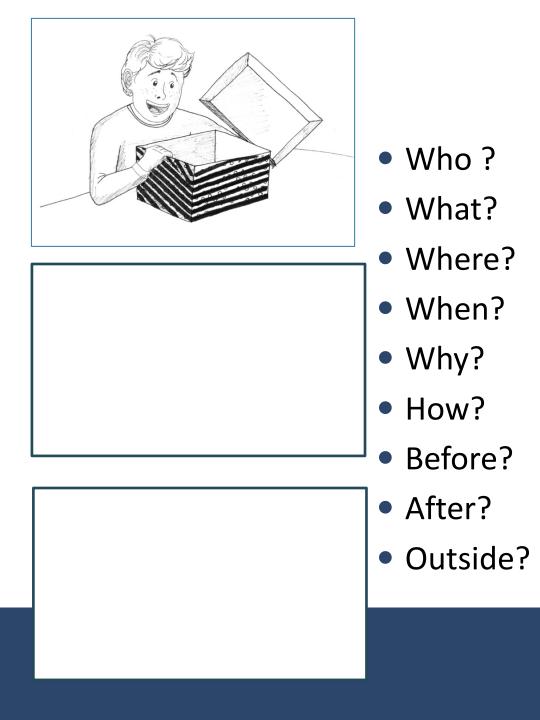
Variation 1: Two pictures



- Who ?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?
- How?
- Before?
- After?
- Outside?



Variation 3: One picture





Unit 5 (Writing from Pictures)

1. Remember: "Event Description" Does <u>not</u> follow Story Sequence Chart

- 2. Possible questions are the same for each picture.
 - who
 - why
 - when
 - before after
- how

where

- outside ??????
- 3. Length varies: 3¶ is chick model, but shorter or longer is ok

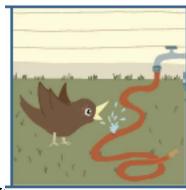
• what (think, say, do)

4. Ideas for source pictures:

comics, great art, stick figure drawings, ads

A few tips









Past Perfect Tense

- With older students as they become more familiar with the idea of central fact = topic sentence, introduce the use of past perfect tense and past participle verb forms: the past of the past.
- Show students a model, e.g., "Reducing Magic" on page 72 of Seminar Workbook.
- Do many samples together to help students master the process.
- A participle wall chart for irregular verbs may be useful. (One is included in the SW2 blackline masters).
- If your students understand, great. If not, skip it!



Importance of Unit 5

- Relief from constraint by facts (for some children)
- Relief from constraint by logic (for some children)
- Requires thinking skills (skill of asking questions)
- Reinforces Topic-Clincher rule in a more flexible way
- Important as a "weaning step" from dictated content to the blank page (Unit 7)
- Ultimately inspires imagination (in all students)
- Will help later with Unit 8





Stylistic Techniques Pacing

 Techniques should be "dripped" in as they become EASY*.

• Example:



Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit
II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
-ly w/w	sv bec.	qa www .asia	#2	#3 #4 #5	#6 #1	simile	quote.

Odd numbered units often lend themselves more easily to new "style" instruction.



*Easy = You can do it

- without much help and
- it doesn't sound too goofy most of the time.

Stylistic Techniques, cont.

An example of pacing for slower, younger, or less experienced students:



Unit 2	Un 3	it	Un 4	it U	nit 5	Unit 6 _{www}	Unit 7	Unit 8	Unit 9
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Stylistic Techniques, cont.

An example of pacing for faster, older, more experienced students:



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Any questions?





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Composition double-spaced	_
] Tide is centered and repeats 1-3 key words from final sentence.	
Topic-clincher repeats or reflects 2-3 key words (highlighted or bold).	_
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the state	
because clause	_
ECHANICS	
] capitalization	
] end marks and punctuation	_
] spetling and usage	
] complete sentences	_

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